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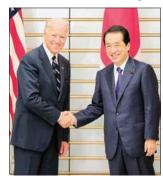
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### Saipan delegation passes casino bill

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

or the first time in CNMI history, two Saipan casino-related measures passed within hours of each other yesterday: One from the voters to decide whether they want to le-Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation, and one from the Senate.

>> Senate OKs special **election for Saipan** and passed yesterday casino question

> that will allow Saipan galize casino gambling on their island.

In a surprise move,

the Senate introduced

morning a bill calling

for a special election

The special election is to be held within 90 days from the bill's signing into law.

Saipan voters will be asked, "Shall there be casino gambling in the Third Senatorial District?"

Hours after the Senate vote, the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation also passed a local bill legalizing casino gambling on Saipan, but not before a lengthy discussion and debate on five

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### NMI July arrivals down 23 pct.

### >> Primary markets fall, secondary markets strong

Mariana Islands were down 23 percent compared to July 2010.

According to the Marianas Visitors Authority, arrivals to the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota registered 27,203 visitors in July compared to 35,164 in July 2010. Overall, visitor arrivals are down 7 percent this fiscal year to 279,195 visitors.

Arrivals from Japan dropped 39 percent to 10,151. In addition to travel being dampened by the March 2011 earthquake, in July 2011 the NMI received only two daily flights from Narita compared to three daily flights in July 2010.

July 2011 visitor arrivals to the Northern Delta Air Lines also suspended its daily flight from Nagoya to Saipan. As a result, the NMI had only 13,939 available airseats from Japan compared to 25,041 airseats in July 2010. Overall arrivals from Japan this fiscal year are down 17

Meanwhile, arrivals from the primary market of Korea dropped 17 percent in July to 8,997 arrivals. Available airseats were down 21 percent in July due to Asiana Airlines' reduction in daytime flights from Seoul and temporary suspension of flights from Busan. However, despite the recent downtrend in

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### \$102M budget bill introduced

### » NMC asks House for at least \$5.2M funding

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO haidee\_eugenio@saipantribune.com REPORTER

House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan) introduced yesterday the long-awaited fiscal year 2012 budget bill of \$102 million, a little over a month before the start of the new fiscal year on Oct. 1.

Basa's introduction of the budget bill came a day after Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos told reporters that the Fitial administration has now been preparing for another partial government



Basa

shutdown for a lack of a budget bill four months after Gov. Benigno R. Fitial submitted his \$102 million budget proposal on April 1.

"Time flies. We were so preoccupied with a lot of things. Priority kind of shifted. I understand the lieutenant governor's concern. We're cognizant of that," Basa said in an interview before yesterday afternoon's

House session.

But because Basa introduced the bill during yesterday's session, the House

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### Local

### FROM OVER 50 FIVE YEARS AGO

### Fund cuts its workforce by half; now employs just 27

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

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Contrary to what some retirees believe, the NMI Retirement Fund operates with a limited workforce, according to Fund administrator Richard Villagomez and legal counsel Viola Alepuyo.

In a recent meeting with a group of about 30 retirees, Alepuyo disclosed that the Fund has over 50 employees in 2007, when it had over \$500 million in its investment portfolio.

That number has been cut by

almost half, with the Fund now only employing about 27 personnel that cost the Fund about \$1.2 million a year, inclusive of benefits, health, and life insurance.

For the Fund's eight money managers, Villagomez said the service fees amount to about \$2 million, and includes the professional fee for its actuarial consultant, Buck Consultants.

Villagomez described the current number of employees as "just enough" for the Fund to perform its most important function, which is to ensure that pension checks are issued regularly to members.

"The Fund has been streamlining for many years. At one point, we had over 50 onboard and that went down to 27 at present. Yes, we can still cut our expenses to zero, but you won't have anyone to do the work [for you]," Villagomez told retirees.

Alepuyo said that the Fund's board of trustees and its employees are not wasting retirees' money—as many want to believe.

"Please don't think that the Fund is sitting idle. We're not overpaid. It's not true. These are people who work for your pen-

sion to be out and who come in Saturday and Sunday but who don't ask for anything other than their 40 hours," said Alepuyo, emphasizing that savings from operation is not the solution to "save" the pension program.

Alepuyo disclosed that a crisis management plan, which identifies ways on how the agency could generate some saving, will be up for board action. Among these proposals are to shut down offices on Rota and Tinian and the privatization and outsourcing of the Fund's other services.

### Tropical storm heads north

A tropical storm heading northward is expected to intensify into a typhoon today, Saturday, but no watches or warnings are in effect as it is a little bit far from the Marianas region.

According to the National Weather Service in Guam, the center of Tropical Storm Talas as of 1pm yesterday was 580 miles northwest of Saipan, 630 miles north-northwest of Guam, and 250 miles south-southwest of Iwo.

Moving north-northwest at 7

sustained winds have increased to 50mph. Its tropical storm winds extend outward up to 140 miles from the center.

As of 1pm, NWS said that Talas was expected to resume a northward track with a decrease in forward speed during the next 24 hours.

"Talas is expected to gradually intensify over the next 24 hours and could become a typhoon Saturday," the weather bureau said.

The storm brought rains to the CNMI yesterday. (Ferdie de miles per hour, Talas' maximum la Torre)

TO AVOID LEADERSHIP GAP

### EPA urges Fitial, CUC to start looking for Malae replacement

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has encouraged Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to immediately begin searching for the replacement of CUC executive director Abe Utu Malae to avoid any leadership gaps at this critical time.

With Malae's recent announcement about his plan to run for governor of American Samoa in 2012, that means he will be leaving CUC in early 2012, according to EPA legal counsel Bradley R. O'Brien in a report filed Thursday in the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

O'Brien said the executive director position is very important as he is responsible for all operations at CUC, including its compliance with the two stipulated orders that aim to resolve longstanding deficiencies in CUC's wastewater, drinking water, and oil storage, transportation, and

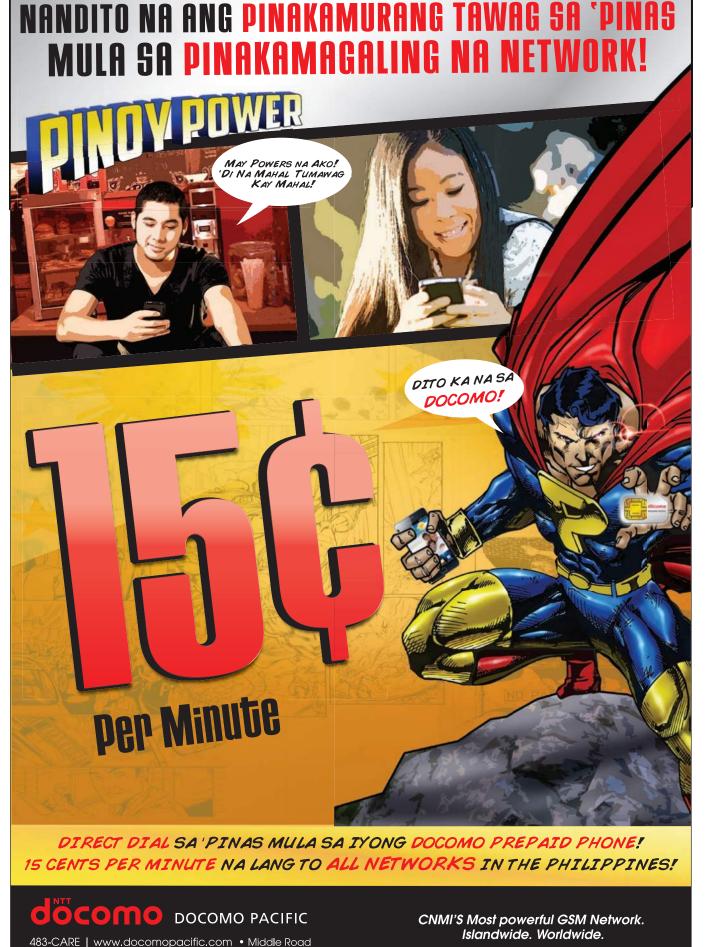
disposal systems.

O'Brien said they encourage CUC and Fitial to begin as quickly as possible the process of soliciting, interviewing, and selecting a qualified replacement for Malae.

With respect to CUC's drinking water and wastewater division manager, O'Brien said that CUC had temporarily assigned a water operations engineer as the acting division manager while the agency looks for a qualified person.

O'Brien said EPA is concerned that the acting division manager does not meet the qualifications for the division manager position.

CUC, however, O'Brien said, informed EPA last week that it was moving forward quickly to interview one of the previously vetted division manager candidates, who continues to be interested in the position. (Ferdie de la Torre)



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### PSS completes relocation of central office to MHS campus

By MONETH G. DEPOSA moneth\_deposa@saipantribune.com

The relocation of the Board of Education and Public School System's central offices to a new office at Marianas High School was completed yesterday.

According to Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan,

the move to the newly renovated 15-classroom MHS Building F began early this month.

PSS moved to its own property to save on cost. Sablan said they expect to save about \$250,000 in rental fee as a result of the relocation

What remains to be done are the renovation of the Board of Education office and conference room at MHS and the construction of a fence that will serve as a boundary between the central office and the school campus, and the parking area.

Sablan

PSS finance director Richard

Waldo said that PSS is heading toward a "very tough" and "challenging" fiscal year 2012.

Based on the governor's budget submission for fiscal year 2012, PSS will receive only \$28 million in 2010—some \$8 million lower than the \$36 million the system was asking for. With the expiration of federal stimu-

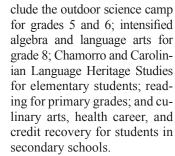
lus funding this year, PSS expects a budget deficit in its personnel and "all others" costs.

Waldo underscored the importance of conserving energy in all schools, noting significant reduction in both

water and power consumptions in schools during the summer period.

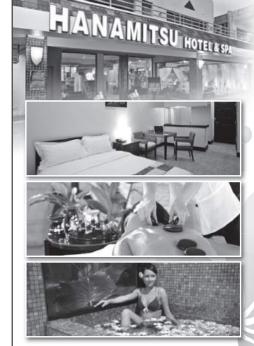
PSS has an initial enrollees of 10.737 as of this week. Classes will begin Sept. 6, 2011.

On other matters, Sablan reported that 30 college students participated in PSS' summer enrichment programs. These in-



Sablan also announced that the PSS alternate education program is set to open this school year with four highly qualified teachers in content areas and 12 students registered for the program.





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### Rota appointee to election panel OK'd

The Senate confirmed yester- a committee report submitted day Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's appointment of Josepha A. Barcinas to serve on the Commonwealth Election Commission representing Rota.

The senators' confirmation came two months after Fitial appointed Barcinas on June 9.

Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian), chairman of the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Governmental Investigations, along with the other on Thursday.

"After much deliberation and based on our overall assessment of Ms. Barcinas's credentials, experiences, testimonials and all other relevant issues considered, we are convinced beyond a doubt that Ms. Barcinas possesses the necessary qualification and leadership skills necessary to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission,"



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### Man arrested for allegedly stealing copper wires

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

A man was arrested early yesterday morning while allegedly in the process of stealing copper wires along Beach Road.

According to police, Primo Oga-

rto's action affected the pathway's wiring system from Oleai Beach Club down to the Department of Public Safety's fire station in western Garapan.

Ogarto was brought to the Superior Court yesterday afternoon for a Gerstein hearing, a proceeding when the arrest of a suspect is done without an arrest warrant

Associate Judge David Wiseman found probable cause to continue Ogarto's detention on charges of felony theft. Bail was set at \$10,000 cash. It was not immediately known if Ogarto was able to post bail yesterday.

Wiseman said that stealing of copper wires is a very serious offense as the

victim is not just one person or entity but the whole community.

Police officer Daniel Quitugua, who narrated to the court the circumstances that led to Ogarto's arrest, said that police officers had spotted Ogarto acting suspiciously along Beach Road early yesterday morning.

The officers approached the suspect and recovered from him copper wires that were already cut and a bush cutter. The quantity of recovered wires was not specified. Ogarto allegedly confessed to the crime.

Assistant attorney general Russell Lorfing later told *Saipan Tribune* that they want to send a strong message that the Office of the Attorney General takes seriously "this egregious crime of theft of copper wires" as this affects the entire community.

Police officer Jason Tarkong, a mixed martial arts fighter, said that Ogarto used to be an MMA fighter but is no longer active.

### **CASINO**

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floor amendments.

Senate Bill 17-90, introduced by Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), passed on a 7-0 vote with one abstention by Sen. Luis Crisostimo (Ind-Saipan). Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) was absent.

Torres said the Senate has made it clear that legalizing casinos on Saipan should be voted on by the people.

"We are aware of the [Saipan] delegation [bill]. If it passes, there might or will be a lawsuit forthcoming and that will prolong the process of casino [legalization]. Investors will be concerned about a lawsuit," said Torres.

But Torres said if the Senate and House pass his bill and the governor signs it, there will not be a question about its constitutionality and legality, unlike the delegation's local bill, and therefore investors can immediately start applying for a casino license.

"If you want to talk about expedited action, this is it," Torres told his colleagues during the session.

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) echoed Torres' statement.

"No investor will invest here knowing that they're on shaky ground. They'd ask, what if they pay the license application fee today and tomorrow there's a lawsuit because of the local casino bill? We need to stop playing games and start the right way," he said.

The Senate killed last year a House bill legalizing casino gambling on Saipan.

Yesterday's passage of the Senate bill to ask voters came four years after Saipan voters last rejected a similar question in 2007.

The Senate immediately transmitted the bill to the House, which held a session yesterday afternoon.

### **Delegation vote**

The Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation took several session breaks from morning to afternoon yesterday to amend five times and then pass Rep. Stanley Torres' (Ind-Saipan) bill legalizing casino gambling on Saipan.

By a vote of 11-5 with one voting "present" and four absences, Torres' House Local Bill 17-44, Committee Substitute 1, Draft 5 passed the delegation.

Passage of the casino bill crossed party lines, with two members of the majority—Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan) and House floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan)—voting against the measure, and one member of the minority—Rep. Tony Sablan (R-Saipan)—supporting it.

The 11 delegation members who voted "yes" on the casino bill, in the order of their actual voting, were: Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Rafael Demapan (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Sylvester Iguel (Cov-Saipan), House Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Ray Palacios (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Tony Sablan (R-Saipan), Rep. Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan), Sen. Luis Crisostimo (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Fred Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), and acting delegation chair Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan).

The five who voted "no" were: Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), House floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan), House minority leader Joseph Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), and Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan).

House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) voted "present."

The four absent members were Rep. Janet Maratita (Ind-Saipan), Senate floor leader Pete Reyes (R-Saipan), Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), and delegation chairman Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan), who was in Korea.

Right after the voting, the delegation clerk announced that there were 10 "yes" votes. But a counting of the actual votes later revealed there were 11 "yes" votes. The acting chairman's vote was not counted. Rep. Joseph Palacios said he voted "yes."

The delegation has a total of 21 members: 18 from the House, and three from the Senate.

Torres, the bill's author, said he's relieved that his casino bill has finally passed the delegation and is on its way to the governor for action.

"I'm just surprised two majority members voted 'no.' I didn't see that coming," he said.

Villagomez, for his part, said he was already leaning toward voting "no" on the casino bill because he would have wanted Saipan voters to decide on the

He said the several floor amendments "chopped up the bill and put pieces together," which he said made it not comfortable for him to really vote on the bill.

The Senate said it will bring the matter to court if and when the delegation passes the local casino bill.

Because of the five amendments, the delegation has to incorporate the adopted amendments before transmitting it to the governor.

The delegation held off action on the casino bill on Thursday, following a recommendation from the Fitial administration to further amend the bill to provide a proposed casino commission the flexibility to determine the number of casino licenses to be issued and the amount of investments that will be required.

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos met with House leadership members on Thursday and was in the House gallery during the delegation session. Later on, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Inos again met with House leadership members.

arrivals from Korea, overall arrivals from Korea this fiscal year-to-date are unchanged from 2010.

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The secondary market of China saw 4,898 arrivals in July, a 9-percent increase compared to the same month last year. Arrivals from China are also up 9 percent overall this fiscal year.

Arrivals from Russia continued their year-to-year growth streak that began in December 2010, posting a gain of 20 percent in July 2011 to 450 visitors. The lucrative market is up 19 percent overall this fiscal year.

The MVA also reported a 966 percent growth in arrivals from Hong Kong in July to 341 visitors. This follows a 2,000-plus percent increase in May 2011 and a 1,500-plus percent increase in June. The increase follows the launching of direct Hong Kong-Saipan flights by Fly Micronesia in May.

Guam posted a 1-percent increase in arrivals to 1,476 in July, while arrivals from other markets were down: United States (-39 percent to 577), Philippines (-29 percent to 30), and Other Areas (-44 percent to 192). Beginning July 2011, the MVA has begun including Taiwan arrivals under Other Areas due to the low number of visitors from that market.

### Japan and Korea economic highlights

Japan's Economic Cabinet upgraded its economic outlook in its July 2011 report.

Throughout the month of July, the yen rapidly increased in value against both the euro and the U.S. dollar, due to the perceived relative stability of the Japanese currency.

Japan Travel Bureau Foundation, a non-profit organization that studies Japanese overseas travel trends, had predicted last December that the number of passengers in 2011 would increase 4.0 percent to 17.3 million. In July, JTBF revised this forecast to a 2.3 percent drop to 16.25 million, citing the correlation between the earthquake's effects on the Japanese economy and outbound travel.

Travel Vision, one of Japan's leading travel industry publications, conducted a survey of travel agents to learn booking patterns for summer travel and concluded the market is no longer affected by the earthquake. Travel Vision's results also supported JTBF's assessment that there is a shift toward making bookings online, and Travel Vision observed the theme for many products this summer is "cheap, close, long duration."

Meanwhile, Korea's real gross domestic product grew 3.4 percent year-on-year in the second quarter, the lowest level of improvement since the third quarter of 2009 when it grew 1 percent, the Bank of Korea said. The won/dollar exchange rate slid 4.2 in June 2011 to close at 1,052.8.

According to the Korea Tourism Organization, the number of Korean outbound travelers in June was 1,053,658, an increase of 5.6 percent compared to the same month in 2010. The total number of Korean outbound travelers from January to June was 6,163,883, an increase of 3.9 percent compared to the same period of 2010. A record number of South Korean people are expected to enjoy their vacation overseas this summer. The travel industry is enjoying a boom amid the scorching weather, which has followed the end of the annual rainy season. (MVA)

### **BUDGET**

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could not act on it right away and will have to wait for the next session.

House Bill 17-215 is expected to be acted on by the House during a session scheduled for Tuesday, said Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan).

Basa said with the local casino bill's passage by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation yesterday, the leadership and the whole House can now focus on the budget bill.

He said he hopes that the House and Senate will work together to pass a bill that's acceptable to both houses and the governor.

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) said the Senate has just been waiting for the budget bill from the House, and also hopes that there will not be a repeat of last year's partial government shutdown.

An intense deadlock between the House and Senate led to their failure to timely pass a budget last year, resulting in a partial government shutdown that forced over 1,000 government employ-

ees to be out of job for more than a week until a budget was passed and signed.

The lieutenant governor said if there's going to be a repeat of a partial government shutdown, there will be more people out of jobs until a budget is passed because the Fitial administration will impose a stricter policy determining those who are non-critical employees.

The Constitution requires that a budget bill be passed before the start of the fiscal year. Otherwise, there will be government shutdown until a budget is passed. Exempted from the shutdown are critical services such as those involved in public health and public safety. Lawmakers will also not receive their salaries until they pass a budget.

### **NMC** request

During the public comment in yesterday's session, Northern Marianas College president Dr. Sharon Hart requested House members to give NMC a "minimum of \$5.2 million" under the FY 2012 budget.

Hart's personal testimony followed a letter she sent to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial also requesting for more money for

NMC in the next fiscal year.

Basa's HB 17-215 proposes a \$4,018,800 budget for NMC.

Hart, in her testimony, said a proposed budget of at least \$5.2 million will allow NMC to maintain its accreditation, meet the Maintenance-of-Effort level required by the U.S. Department of Education, and prevent the risk of losing some \$6 million in federal grants, among other things. Hart was accompanied by other NMC officials.

It was only NMC that offered a public comment during the House session.

A protest that was planned by some citizens didn't materialize. Some individuals were trying to organize a protest in front of the Legislature on Capital Hill from 1pm to 4pm yesterday, but no one actually showed up to protest the budget bill.

Two police officers from the Department of Public Safety were at the Legislature to ensure peace and order.

### **Appropriations**

Basa's bill retains the unpaid legal holidays and 16-hour work cuts biweekly at least for the first quarter of FY 2012, but the work cuts could continue if no

additional revenue will be identified.

The government's estimated revenue for FY 2012 is \$120.679 million.

Because it anticipates that the Department of Public Health will be turned into a corporation by Oct. 1, a DPH budget is no longer included in the total projected revenue and spending except for a \$5 million "seed" money for the department.

Of the \$120.679 million, \$102 million is the net budgetary resource available for appropriation.

The rest is reserved for bond repayments and other government obligations.

Under the bill, the government reserves \$4.75 million in utility payments for the whole year.

HB 17-215 gives a budget of \$4 million to the Judicial Branch whose full-time employee number is capped at 66. Of the \$4 million, over \$3.1 million will be for personnel and \$892,666 for operations.

The Legislature's budget is proposed at over \$4.509 million. The number of FTEs is capped at 199, including the 20 House members and nine Senate members.

Of the total budget, over \$2.637

million will be for personnel and over \$1.872 million will be for operations.

The House leadership account remains at \$138,000, lower than the governor's proposed \$300,000.

The Senate leadership account is lower, at \$110,396.

Lawmakers will not have a change in their constitutionally protected annual salary of \$39,300, but employer contribution to the Retirement Fund will increase.

The Executive Branch's proposed budget is over \$29.394 million and the number of FTEs is capped at 907.

Rota's budget is at over \$4.474 million with 252 FTEs.

Tinian's budget, meanwhile, is over \$4.361 million and with 186 FTEs.

Saipan and the Northern Islands are proposed to have a budget of over \$1.219 million and with 51 FTEs.

Besides a proposed budget of over \$4.018 million for NMC, the budget bill also offers over \$5.030 million for the Marianas Visitors Authority with 36 FTEs; over \$27.905 million for the Public School System with 879 FTEs; and \$175,393 for the Board of Education with three FTEs.

### Team Cucina is Queen of the Grill competition winner

By CLARISSA V. DAVID clarissa\_david@saipantribune.com

Team Cucina emerged as the winning group in the 2011 Queen of the Grill competition held Thursday night at the Garapan Street Market.

The team, composed of pals Charon De Lara, Roderick Lopez, and Lino Tenorio, bested three other groups with their entry called Barbecue Rib Eye Steak cooked in homemade sauce.

Competing groups were provided Certified Angus Beef products that they used for their

recipes. Two judges evaluated all entries based on taste, tenderness, and presentation.

Team Cucina won \$300 as well as goodies and gift certificates from Western Sales & Trading, Rota Water, Alpex Saipan, and Hyatt Regency Saipan.

De Lara said it was their first time to join a contest. "I'm happy we won. It was unexpected."

Lopez, who works as a cook at Guma Taga, said their winning recipe was a fusion of Western and local flavors. "We're really very happy. We will divide the prize money and share the gift

prizes in our victory celebration," he added.

A boat captain by profession, Tenorio said it was an honor winning a contest in their first attempt to compete as a group.

"We put a lot of special nights together and it was all worth it," he told *Saipan Tribune*. "We thank all the sponsors and the entire community for their support."

Major sponsors for the 2011 Queen of the Grill are Triple J Five Star Wholesale Foods, Kikkoman Alpex, KKMP 92.1 FM, and *Marianas Variety*. Other sponsors include Western Sales & Trading, Rota Mineral Water, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Taro Leaf, and Triple J Super Fresh Market.



### Today's PIC Palooza fundraiser to benefit the Guma Esperansa

By CLARISSA V. DAVID clarissa\_david@saipantribune.com

Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence executive director Maisie B. Tenorio urged the community to support the Pacific Islands Club Palooza event, which would benefit Guma Esperansa, the only shelter for victims of domestic violence and human trafficking.

"I know times are tough, so please know that your hardearned money will go to an incredible cause," said Tenorio.

Tenorio said Guma Esperansa shelters women and their children who are fleeing abusive and violent relationships. "Often, the shelter provides the first good night's sleep in years for children who experience domestic violence," she said.

Tenorio added that Guma Esperansa also offers classes, counseling, advocacy, case management, hope, and healing. interview that they feel grateful for being chosen as the beneficiary for this year's Palooza event.

"We are so grateful for the ongoing community support and this year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> year that the shelter has been opened to the community," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

While she acknowledged the economic recession affecting everyone, Ogumoro said they will be thankful for the support they will get for the shelter.

"We do realize that these are tough times but we'll appreciate everyone that comes. We'll greatly appreciate the support," she said.

PIC Palooza, which is open for individuals 21 years or older, will be held today, Saturday, at 7pm at the Charley's Cabaret.

Entrance fee, which is \$25 per person, includes beer, wine, soda, and appetizers. The event, which has a country and western theme, will feature games, raffle prizes, and live entertainment. For more information, call 237-5170.





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### **EDITORIAL**

### Steve Jobs' departure from Apple a loss for the nation

he resignation of Silicon Valley's rock star CEO, Steve Jobs, comes as no surprise to the Apple faithful who have been worrying about his medical condition and know how seriously he took his duties.

Jobs' departure from the top job at Apple is a loss for Silicon Valley. But it's also a loss for the nation, which is in desperate need of entrepreneurial leadership to get us out of this economic slump.

The Valley has had some true titans. Robert Noyce. David Packard. William Hewlett, Andrew Grove. Gordon Moore. Jobs, with his unparalleled talent for marrying technology, design and entertainment, stands alongside them.

The iPhone isn't Dick Tracy stuff. It's way beyond what anyone dreamed of even five years before it was invented. An attractive, sleek phone, music player, book reader, television, video library and so much more, in the palm of our hands and at a price millions of Americans could afford. This is the very definition of genius.

And the iPhone isn't the only device historians will recall when Jobs' legacy is chronicled. The iMac, iPod and iPad are all equally innovative, and none may equal the beloved Macintosh, invented with Steve Wozniak, for pure creativity.

Jobs knew failure as well as he did success. He was unceremoniously removed as chairman of Apple in 1985. But he learned from that failure and, in true Silicon Valley fashion, returned with a flourish, dreaming up product after cool product that screamed to the world, "Can you top this?"

And all of this genius hasn't just improved the net worth of Apple designers, or helped harried office workers manage their lives. It's created hundreds of thousands of jobs , maybe more for Apple store salespeople and app developers, at cell phone and accessory manufacturers. Apple has become its own industry. Jobs closed his letter of resignation to the Apple board by saying, "I believe Apple's brightest and most innovative days are ahead of it." The Valley and

the nation can only

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hope that is true.

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### After Libya, the question: To protect or depose?

ATO's military intervention in Libya was initiated under the principle of the "responsibility to protect," a concept born from the ashes of the Rwandan genocide: that the world should not stand by while mass atrocities go on within a sovereign state.

Though morally self-evident, this concept was slow to gain acceptance in the international community, particularly among developing countries, many of which saw it as a ploy by Western powers to meddle in the internal affairs of weaker countries.

After much lobbying, the principle was finally enshrined by the 2005 World Summit and successfully used to resolve dangerous crises in Kenya and Guinea. But never, until Libya, had its most controversial aspect , the use of force as a last resort , been put to the test.

In the eyes of many countries, NATO has failed that test.

In March, as Moammar Gadhafi prepared to crush the rebel stronghold of Benghazi, the U.N. Security Council authorized military action in Libya. But it made clear that the point of the action was to protect the Libyan people.

Many countries that opposed the Security Council's action, and even at least one that supported it, now believe the Western operation has gone far beyond merely protecting Libyans, and it is now widely seen as an action intended from the start to get rid of the Libyan ruler.

However unpopular Gadhafi might be, the idea that NATO's warplanes were trying to kill him has struck a nerve among countries allergic to regime change and already suspicious of the responsibilityto-protect concept, known in diplomatic circles as R2P.

"Libya has given R2P a bad name," India's U.N. ambassador, Hardeep Singh Puri, said recently. Diplomats from South Africa, which unlike India supported U.N. Resolution 1973, have expressed similar concerns, saying they feel used and are indignant that the West ignored calls by the African Union for a cease-fire.

One could argue that when a leader is bent on committing mass atrocities against his population, the only effective way to protect civilians is to bring down the tyrant. Yet no NATO state has made this case openly; instead its members have gone to great lengths to assert their neutrality.

The Libya operation has strengthened the case of those questioning the concept that the world has a responsibility to protect citizens from their rulers, and the backlash is already contributing to tragic consequences.

In Syria, where security forces have killed more than 2,000 protesters and arbitrarily arrested and tortured thousands, including children, people are clearly in need of protection. If the Security Council were to take its responsibility to protect seriously, it would have long ago used the many nonmilitary tools at its disposal to put

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pressure on Bashar Assad's regime. It could have passed a resolution demanding an end to the violence, the creation of a commission of inquiry, an arms embargo or an array of sanctions targeting the leadership of the government or the oil sector.

There are many reasons for this disturbing failure to act: the opposition of veto-wielding Russia and China, the silence of the Arab League, the presence in the Security Council of Lebanon, which is a virtual hostage of Syria. But a crucial factor against action has been that key votes in the council , India, South Africa and Brazil , are missing. Behind closed doors, their diplomats have explained that they are reluctant to go down the Libya road again. Of course, nothing in a draft resolution initially offered by the Europeans even hinted at military action or regime change. But for India, South Africa and Brazil, it's payback time. The Syrian people are paying the price for what some countries see as NATO's overreaching in Libya.

So here we are, once again, with the Security Council standing virtually idle while mass atrocities are being committed, the very situation the responsibility-to-protect concept was designed to avoid.

We will never know how many civilian lives would have been lost had NATO not intervened in Libya. What we do know is what happens when the international community takes a back seat in the face of mass atrocities. Up to 40,000 civilians, for example, were killed during the final months of war in Sri Lanka, while the best the Security Council could muster was holding an informal hand-wringing session in a U.N. basement, because of Russian and Chinese obstructionism, with too little protest from Western powers.

Countries that waged war in Libya under the banner of the responsibility to protect have a duty to explain themselves and accept a sober and critical look at their actions. They should not be seen as brandishing responsibility-to-protect when it's politically expedient and ignoring it when it's not. They should address the complaints of countries that genuinely supported action to protect civilians but felt alienated by the way military operations were conducted. It's the only way to ensure that Libya's legacy brings us closer to a world that does not tolerate mass atrocities ever again.

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### Beware second-term headaches

here are days when I say that one term is enough," President Barack Obama said in June. His prospective opponents certainly feel that way, and if Obama studied recent presidencies, he might find good reason beyond his current woes for packing it in.

More often than not, second terms, often painfully achieved, have been very difficult, with presidents beset by scandal and political environments that kept them from achieving their goals.

Two recent presidents, Richard Nixon and Bill Clinton, faced impeachment in second terms. Two others, Lyndon B. Johnson and George W. Bush, became mired in wars that sapped their political and public support. Ronald Reagan had to surmount a high-level scandal that cost him top advisors.

Of course, Obama may not win re-election next year. Continued low economic growth, high unemployment and a toxic partisan atmosphere voters disdain could make him the fourth president in 36 years to be rejected at the polls.

Still, polls show voters split on whether Obama deserves a second term, and his reasons for seeking one is similar to that of many predecessors. As he told NBC's Ann Curry in that same interview, "What keeps me going is a belief that the work that we started in 2009 is not yet complete."

Indeed, with Republicans poised to add Senate control to their House majority next year, Obama could find it hard to undertake many new initiatives in a second four years, barring a renewal of the kind of bipartisanship that seems a distant memory.

That was how both Republican Reagan and Democrat Clinton achieved significant second-term successes in economic policy. Reagan worked with congressional leaders of both parties to enact a major measure that spurred economic growth by simplifying the nation's complex tax laws. Clinton joined the GOP in passing a taxcut bill that helped produce a balanced budget.

Those successes help explain why they left office with job approvals in the 60s, higher than those of other recent chief executives. Reagan and Clinton remain presidential role models for their respective parties.

In general, though, the modern second-term record is pretty dismal. Republican Dwight Eisenhower, easily re-elected in 1956, presided over a severe economic recession that helped Democrats win the next election.

Johnson, winning a full term as John F. Kennedy's successor, enacted a series of landmark domestic measures before the Vietnam War consumed his presidency and led to his retirement and replacement by Republican Nixon.

Nixon, after carrying all but one state in his 1972 re-election, was forced to resign in the face of almost certain impeachment and conviction for covering up the Watergate scandal.

Reagan's second term was clouded by a scandal in which he misled Congress by selling arms to Iran and illegally using the funds for a war against Central American leftist insurgents. Yet, he not only achieved

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tax reform but a major arms reduction treaty with the Soviet Union.

Clinton actually was impeached by a Republican-controlled House for lying under oath about his illicit White House affair with an intern. But the Senate refused to convict him and the economy continued a lengthy boom.

Bush, already mired in the war he started against Iraq, saw the economy collapse into the recession that persists today.

A re-elected Obama presumably would still struggle to bolster the nation's long-term economic well-being, probably with the kind of additional measures to reduce the budget deficit and spur growth he plans to seek next month.

While new initiatives might be difficult, a second term might enable him to ensure the long-term future of his top domestic achievement, the controversial health care reform law, and finish extricating the U.S. from wars he inherited in Iraq and Afghanistan.

After all, two terms make it harder than one for future presidents to undo a predecessor's achievements.

### Running for president? Admit it all

hese days, the smartest thing candidates for political office can do is couple the announcement that they're going to run with a detailed confession of all sins, large and small, that they've committed, tried to commit, fantasized about or heard described on a commuter flight to El Paso.

The search for the pointless personal smear is out of hand, and the only way to disarm it is with the pre-emptive strike of complete transparency.

Last week a Texas alternative newspaper, the Austin Chronicle, ran an advertisement asking anyone, male or female, who has ever had sex with Texas governor and GOP presidential candidate Rick Perry to step forward. The message was paid for by Robert Morrow, a Ron Paul supporter so deep into conspiracy theories he believes former President George H.W. Bush was responsible for the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

So now Perry, who should be plenty busy explaining why he thinks it would be OK for Texas to secede from the United States, why he doesn't believe in evolution, and how he went from being the Texas chair of Al Gore's presidential campaign in 1988 to a conservative so testosterone-addled he's like a Tasmanian devil in a suit, will instead be defending his personal life.

What candidates should do is get it all out up front, like so: "Today I, Johnny Johnson, am proud to announce that I will seek the

presidency of this great land, but first I want to clear the air about my past mistakes. While I never cheated on my wife, I repeatedly attempted to, with both men and women. I am not, apparently, an attractive person. I have, in the past, frequented strip clubs, but only when attending bachelor parties for friends, or when I felt like looking at naked women.

"In the 1970s and '80s I took, I believe, every recreational drug that gets humans high. If there is any substance that will get you buzzed that I did not use, it was due to oversight, not good sense or moral fiber.

"I am a mediocre tipper, 10 percent at best. I wear a toupee. I believe 'Punky Brewster' is the finest television show ever. I own parachute pants, and wear them around the house. I have a tattoo on my back of economist Milton Friedman, naked. I bounced checks. I owed back taxes.

"All that, though, is years in the past, and I hope you can see past it to hear how I would govern this nation and give me your vote."

Here in New York, Gov. David A. Paterson proved how effective pre-emptive confession can be. Seemingly minutes after taking over for just resigned prostitute-paying Gov. Eliot Spitzer, Paterson admitted that he had used cocaine and marijuana, and that both he and his wife had indulged in extramarital affairs. His admission didn't hurt his career a bit, unlike being a really bad governor, which did.

We are a country that knew Bill Clinton had smoked pot and were

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pretty sure he had cheated on his wife, and still elected him. We have accepted the fact that we are a flawed people, certain to be served by imperfect leaders, simply because there is no other kind available to us.

The search for dirt has nothing to do with electability any more. It's simply grist to feed an endlessly hungry media machine and an easily titillated population. We want to be entertained by our leader's personal peccadilloes, but we don't have the luxury of voting based on them.

Just admit your sins upfront, because let's face it: If you're the candidate who can come up with a workable plan to lower unemployment, figure out our health care mess, solve the immigration dilemma and get the deficit under control, most voters won't care if you marry your first cousin, three squirrels and an Electrolux vacuum cleaner.

### Thy Iranian regime is afraid of water pistols

rom officials' reactions, you would have thought a major gun battle had occurred in the heart of Tehran, claiming hundreds of casualties. In reality, the latest threat to the regime was a gathering

of young people in late July to participate in a water fight in a park called the Garden of Water and Fire. Within days, many of the participants had been arrested and forced to appear on national television to confess their wrongdoing.

Just what charges they may face remains unclear.

What is clear, however, is that the government feels threatened by and is unwilling to tolerate people coming together on their own, even if it's for something as innocent as youths firing water pistols at each other.

Of course, for some conservative Iranian leaders, nothing is in-

Hardliners have consistently pressed for tougher enforcement of the Islamic dress code and stricter separation of the sexes in all areas of public life.

Conservatives seem to have been especially outraged by this latest event, not only because it deliberately encouraged interaction between the sexes, but also because it represented a non-government-sanctioned outlet for people to express themselves in a com-

That represents a serious threat to a regime that that is not content merely to crush its political opponents, but also wants to control how people conduct their lives.

Of course, these attitudes are constantly being challenged. One frequently sees unmarried couples holding hands in public, and women wearing their headscarves more loosely than Islamic dress code prescribes. In private, many are even more daring, with men and women mixing freely and consuming alcohol.

That's why a water-pistol fight poses such a threat to those in power. It publically exposes the kind of behavior people normally engage in privately.

Such gatherings pose a particularly difficult challenge for the regime. These apolitical actions catch the authorities off guard and challenge accepted rules of behavior, without making the kind of open demands that would provoke a broad clampdown, Instead, participants were brought together by a Facebook page intended for those who want to upset the normal order of things. Their actions reflect a sense of discontent with the existing social order, even if expressed through amusing activities.

The opposition Green Movement, which led the 2009 protests following the controversial re-election of President Mahmoud Ahmedinejad, was aware of the significance of the water fight and the arrests that followed.

Kaleme, one of the Green Movement's main websites, framed the event as an expression of resistance against totalitarian government.

If anything, the water fight can be taken as a sign of the collective emotional solidarity among young Iranians, a feature of the

2009 protests. After the crackdown that followed those protests, the Green Movement was unable to maintain that solidarity. The water fight may be a way for opponents of the regime to once again mobilize a segment of the population that in recent years has been paralyzed by fear and apathy.

But it is not just opposition leaders who may wish to capitalize on such events. While hardliners railed against such "immoral practices," more pragmatic conservatives close to the president think they may be able to exploit such "happenings." After all, the Ahmadinejad election campaign in 2009 attempted to create a carnival-like mood, just as the Green Movement did.

With a parliamentary election due in February, we may see attempts to co-opt this kind of event for political ends. The Haft-e Sobh newspaper, linked to Esfandiar Rahim Mashai, the president's close confident and most trusted advisor, carried an editorial suggesting that the cultural aspirations of the middle class should be heeded, not crushed.

What seems certain is that repression is not going to stop such events from occurring. A week after the water fight in Tehran, Abbas Khodadadzade, deputy police chief for the southern province of Hormozgan, announced that 30 boys and girls had been arrested after taking part in a similar gun battle in a park in the port city of Bandar Abbas.

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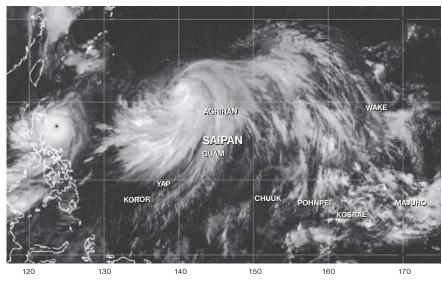
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Hong Kong	Thundershowers	<b>▲</b> 94	▼83
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New York	Showers	<b>▲</b> 79	<b>▼</b> 69
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Seoul	Thundershowers	▲84	▼71
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Washington, DC Showers

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



### PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 2011

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Storm Talas (15W) is centered northwest of the Marianas at 20N141E. Talas is moving northward at 11 mph with maximum sustained winds of 45 mph. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are found primarily south of the circulation center within 140 miles of a line from 16N134E to 20N143E. Scattered showers and few thunderstorms are located farther south over the far Northern Marianas within 140 miles of a line from 12N135E to 17N146E. For more information on Talas, refer to advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ32 PGUM and warnings issued by JTWC under WMO header WTPN32 PGTW. Converging southeast winds are triggering scattered showers east of the Marianas and over Minami Tori Shima north of a line from 11N151E to 11N161E. A surface trough stretches southward from 13N156E to 4N156E. Scattered showers are occurring over Pohnpei within 170 miles of a line from 3N156E to 14N164E. An upper-level trough curves southwestward from a low centered north of Wake Island at 23N166E to 7N162E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found south of Wake Island between 19N and 15N from 165E to 167E. Isolated thunderstorms are occurring northeast of Wake Island within 60 miles of a line from 23N166E to 25N170E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers just east of Majuro within 80 miles of a line from 6N171E to 6N180.

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### FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA F	requency	Airline	ETD	ETA F	requency
Guam-Rota				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily				
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
Saipan-Rota			,	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
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FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily				'
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily



### NMI CRIME **STOPPERS**

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- \*11 on any PTI cellular phone ■ Log on to the internet at
- www.nmicrimestoppers.com

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### SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES

#### CATHOLIC 🗁

Mt. Carmel Cathedral Sunday Mass: 6am Chamorro, 9am

English, 11am Filipino and 6pm English Monday-Saturday: 6am Chamorro Wednesday: 6pm Chamorro Parish office hours: Monday-Saturday 8am-12pm, 12-1pm, 1-5pm

#### **Korean Center**

Sunday: 10:30am Wednesday: 10am Thursday-Friday: 8pm Saturday: 3pm and 7:30pm

#### Kristo Rai Parish

Sunday- Saturday: 6am Wednesday: 6am and 6pm (PH Novena 5:45pm)

Friday: 5:30pm praying of Divine Mercy Chaplet; 6pm devotional mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Saturday: 6am and 6pm (anticipated) Sunday Mass: 6am, 8am and 9:30am 6pm Tagalog mass

Parish office hours: (Fr. Celso G. Magbanua) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8-11:30am/ 3-5:30pm, Wednesday and Friday 3-5pm.

Telephone no. 285-0273

#### **Santa Soledad Mission Parish**

Monday: 6pm Tuesday: 6pm Wednesday: 6pm Friday: 6pm Saturday: 6pm (Youth mass/ anticipated Sunday mass) Sunday: 7am and 9am (Children's mass) Parish office hours: Wednesday and Friday: 8-10am. Saturday: 4-6pm Telephone no. 256-4568

#### **Saint Jude Parish**

Monday- Friday: 6pm Saturday: 7am Sunday: 6am, 8am, 10am Parish office hours: Monday-Friday 9:30-11:30am, 3:30-5pm Office is close every Thursday and Saturday Telephone no. 288-0007

### **San Antonio Parish**

Monday-Friday 6pm Saturday: 6pm Sunday: 7am, 9am (Blessing of children) Parish office hours: Tuesday-Saturday: 8-11:30am, 2-4:45pm Close on Sunday and Monday

### San Francisco de Borja-Rota

Sunday: 6am Chamorro, 8am English Monday and Tuesday:6am Chamorro Wednesday:6pm English Thursday: 6am Chamorro Friday: 6am English Saturday: 6am Chamorro, 6pm Tagalog Sunday: anticipated mass

### San Isidro-Rota

Sunday: 5am, 8am, 10am Monday-Friday: 7pm Saturday: 5am and 7pm

### San Jose (Oleai) Parish

Monday- Saturday: 6am daily mass Monday- Sunday: 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

Wednesday: 6pm, mass, exposition of the blessed sacrament

Saturday: 6pm, anticipated Sunday

Sunday: 7:30-9am English, 6pm Tagalog mass Office hours: Monday-Wednesday: 9am-

12pm, 2-5pm

Thursday: day off Friday- Saturday: 8am-12pm, 2-5pm Telephone no. 234-6991

### **San Roque Parish**

Sunday: 7:30am Chamorro, 9am English Monday: 6pm English Tuesday: 6pm English Wednesday: 6pm English- novena mass to our Lady of San Roque oil Thursday: 6pm English Friday: 6pm English- Devotion to the sacred heart of Jesus (First Fridays) Saturday: 6am English- Our Lady's

Saturday mass for the intentions of the Men and Women in military service, 6pm English- anticipated mass Parish office hours: daily except Thursday and Sundays: 4:30-6pm Telephone no. 322-2404, Fr. Bong's cell: 285-912. Diocesan Finance office: 234-3000 ext.143

#### **San Vicente Parish**

Monday-Friday: 6pm, Saturday: 6pm (First Saturday of every month) Sunday: 6am anticipated mass, 6pm (Neo Catechumenal community mass), 8pm Sunday: 6am. 9am. 6pm Parish office hours: daily 9-11am Telephone no. 235-8208 or 287-0131

#### **Santa Remedios**

Sunday: 8am Monday: 6pm (1st Mondays cemetery masses at 5:30pm) Tuesday- Friday: 6pm Saturday: 6pm-anticipated Sunday mass 8-10pm Parish office hours: Monday- Friday: 8:30am-12pm

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#### **Amen Church**

Sunday: 10am, 1pm, 5pm Wednesday : 7pm Friday Prayer : 9pm Bible Study : 4pm (Tue) Music Practice : 5pm (Sat) Korean class: 3:30pm (Thu) Visitation: 10am(Fri, Sat) Outreach : 8am (First Sat) Tel. No. 285-2121, 256-2221 Email: osevo@daum.net

### **Born Again Christian**

(Upper Room Int'l Ministries), Saipan Wednesday Prayer and Healing Night: Saturday Tagalog Service: 8-10:30pm Sunday English Service: 9:30-11am Sunday School for Children: 10-11am

#### Calvary Baptist Church, Saipan

Sunday School: 9am Sunday Morning Worship: 10am Sunday Evening Worship: 6pm Wednesday Prayer Service: 7pm Telephone no. 234-6026/27

Sunday Filipino Service: 7-9pm

#### **Chinese Christian Church of** Saipan

Worship Services: Sunday: Chinese and Filipino 9am, English 6pm Bible Study: Wednesday and Saturday Telephone no. 235-8540

### Cornerstone Christian Church,

Saipan Morning Service, Sunday, 10:00 am Evening Service, Sunday, 6:00 pm Children Sunday School, 10:00am/

Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7-9 pm Youth Night of Worship, Friday, 6:30 pm As Perdido Road

Chalan Piao, Saipan MP 96950 Tel. No. (670) 235-8590 Email: cornerstone@cfemcares.org

### **Episcopal/Anglican Church on** Saipan

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Worship Service Sunday: Holy Communion 9:00am Place: G

### **Grace Christian Assembly,**

Call 285-6081 for directions

#### Saipan Sunday Worship Service: 9-11am

Sunday school/ Children's church 9am (nursery available during Sunday service) GBI Classes: 4-6pm Prayer Meeting: 6am Tuesday GCA Kagman, Wednesday Navy Hill, Thursday San Antonio Home Cell Bible Study: 7pm (Through out the week) Telephone no. 322-5680

### Iglesia Ni Cristo, Saipan

Wednesday: 7:45pm (English) Thursday: 5:30am (English); 7:45 pm

(Tagalog) Saturday: 7:45pm (Tagalog) Sunday: 6:45am (English) Children Worship Service: Sunday, 9am

#### **Immanuel United Methodist** Church

Chalan Kanoa Drive, Chalan Kanoa (east of Town Center and Beach Road, Near Mt. Carmel Cathedral) Worship Service: 9:00am Children's Sunday School: 9:00am Choir Practice: 8:00am Singspiration: 8:30am Prayer, Care & Share: Wednesday 7:00pm Pastor: Millie Carroll 322-6158

#### **Immanuel Methodist Church**

Sunday: 7:00am-Choir Rehearsal

(Filipino Congregation)

8:00am-Church Service (Tagalog) 9:15am-Sunday School Wednesday: 6:30pm, home group 8:00pm-Prayer Meeting Thursday: 7:30pm-Choir Practice (Church) Saturday: 8:00pm-Choir Practice (Parsonage) (Korean Congregation) Sunday worship: 9am, 10:30, 1pm

### Jesus is Lord Church, Saipan

Wednesday evening service: 8pm

Daily morning prayer: 5am

Sunday English Service: 7:30-9am, Sunday Tagalog Service: 9-11am and 6-8pm. Wednesday: 7:30-9pm

### Korean Presbyterian Church,

Sunday School: 9:20am Sunday Adult: 11am Sunday Evening: 7:30pm Wednesday: 8pm

#### Life in the Son Christian Fellowship, Saipan

Sunday Worship Service: 10am-12noon Tuesday: Leadership Institute 7pm-10pm Wednesday: Corporate prayer 7pm-8pm Last Friday of the month-prayer: 7pm-

Friday: Youth on Fire: 7pm-9pm Tel. No. 235-LIFE (5433)

#### Marianas Baptist Church, Saipan

English Worship Service: 9-10:30am Evening Worship Service: 6-7pm Children Sunday School: 9-10:30am Tagalog Sunday School: 11am-12pm English Sunday School: 11am-12pm Korean Worship Service: 11am-12pm Wednesday Prayer Meeting: English, 7pm-8pm Korean: 8:30pm-9:30pm

### **Missions Connection Ministry**

**Every Sunday Celebrations:** 10am (English), 6pm (Tagalog) Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm Youth Impact Friday: 7pm Saturday Prayer Meeting: 7pm

#### **Northern Marianas Christian** Church

Sunday Worship Service: 10 am at Seventh Day Adventist church on Quartermaster Rd. Wednesday Service: 7 pm at Fina Sisu Housing FS#1 Contact Nick for

#### **Marianas Bible Fellowship** Center

Sunday School: 9-9:30am Divine Worship: 9:30-11am Evening Service: 7pm-8:30pm Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 8pm-9pm

#### **Pentecostal Missionary Church** of Christ (4th Watch)

Sunday worship 8:30am Sunday evening 7:00pm Prayer meeting, every Wednesday 7:30pm San Jose village, after San Jose Hotel Telephone: 789-7566

### **Saipan Christian Church**

Sunday: 6:30 pm -9pm Monday: 8 pm -10pm (Prayer Meeting) Thursday: 8pm-10pm (Cell Groups)

### **Saipan Church of Christ**

Sunday Bible Class: 9am Sunday Worship: 10am Sunday Worship English: 10-11am Sunday Worship Tagalog: 6-7pm Thursday Bible Study: 7pm

#### **Saipan Community Church**

(Sunday Services) Palau Service: 7:30am-9am English Service: 10am-11:30am Chuukese Service: 1pm-2:30pm Filipino Service: 5:00pm-7:00pm

#### **Seventh-Day Adventist Church,** Saipan

(Saturday Church Services) Sabbath School Program: 9-10am Lesson Study: 10-10:40am Divine Service: 11-12pm Visitation: 3-4pm Adventist Youth Program: 4:30-5:30pm Sundown Worship: 6-7pm

#### First Baptist Church Koblerville

Sunday services: Sunday school 9:00am Morning worship 10:00am Evening service 6:00pm Wednesday evening bible study 7:00pm

Chinese services Sunday morning 10:00am Sunday evening 7:00pm

Everyone is warmly welcome to attend our worship services. Transportation is readily available to anyone who needs a ride to our church. Telephone No: 285-4661/2

#### **Thy Word Ministries Saipan** Faith Center

Phone 234-0209 New Christian Charismatic Church Service located in Chalan Paio, Beach Road in the

Sablan building on the 2nd floor above Subway Sandwiches. Senior Pastors: George & Gail Kamakahi Asst. Pastors: Eric & Penny Sakaguchi

Service Times Sunday 10:00am Worship Service Sunday 7pm Discipleship Classes Tuesday 10:00am Bible Studies Tuesday 6:00pm Intercessory Prayer Tuesday 7:00pm Music Practice Wednesday 7:00pm Mid-Week Service Saturday 10:00am Evangelism

#### **Upper Room International** Ministries

5:30am-6:30am Sunday Morning prayer 7am-9am English service 7am-9am Sunday school 10am-12noon English service, Koblerville Wednesday 7pm-9pm Prayer meeting Saturday 7pm-9pm Tagalog service Venue: Jason Presbyterian Church

### **Victory Chapel Christian**

Gualo Rai, Saipan

Fellowship Church Sunday School: 9:30am Sunday AM Worship:10:30am Sunday PM Worship:7:00am Wed Worship: 7:30pm Morning Prayer: 6-8am M-S

#### **Victorious Christian Church** (Formerly God's Victorious Army)

Sunday 8:30am to 10:30am - Worship Service Monday 7:00 pm - Women's Fellowship Tuesday nights - Home cellgroup Wednesday - 7:30pm to 9:00pm Mid Week Service Friday 7:30pm to 9:00pm Prayer Meeting

Saturday nights - Praise and worship practice

Last Friday of the month - Overnight praying meeting

Pastor Brendon Perez - Tel# 2359246

Sunday: 7:30am-10am

### A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Aug. 27, 1999

### **OIA grants \$500K to DPH**

The Office of Insular Affairs has recently approved some \$500,000 in financial and technical assistance to the Department of Public Health that will also include a structural analysis of the Commonwealth Health Center. According to Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez, the grant will allow the department to hire a plant engineer who will train the staff in the maintenance of the whole facility and equipment. At the same time, a manual on preventive maintenance will be produced. Half of the cost of this project will be shouldered by the department.

### **Senate OKs spending authority for Inos**

A bill granting spending powers to Public School System's Commissioner Rita H. Inos over some \$30 million in capital improvement projects in the education sector hurdled the Senate yesterday. But the legislation will still need approval by the House of Representatives as senators reinstated provisions altered from the original version to suit conditions over use of the funding. "I hope the amendment does not jeopardize funding," said Senate Vice President Thomas P. Villagomez in voting in favor of the measure. "We need to get this bill rolling." House Bill 11-455 will amend a new law that set aside a total of \$29.96 million for various PSS projects on Saipan, Rota and Tinian to grant the expenditure authority to Inos.

#### Aug. 27, 2001

### AGO's chief solicitor vacates post

The senior legal counsel at the CNMI Office of the Attorney General vacated his post Friday to begin work next week at the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission. Assistant Attorney General Elliott A. Sattler Sr., the chief solicitor of civil section, moves to Tinian to concentrate on gaming law and assisting the community and public officials who work to attract development and mutually beneficial controlled gaming. Colleagues at the Office of the Attorney General gathered Friday afternoon to present Sattler with a commemorative plaque. Sattler is former United States Magistrate for the Federal District Court of Nevada and Juvenile Master of Las Vegas, who served the CNMI for the last 11 years as the Chief Solicitor of the Civil Division in the Office of Attorney General.

### Fitial's election bid gets a push from rights advocate

One of the US Congress' most outspoken advocate of human rights and democracy is throwing his full support to House Speaker Benigno Fitial's quest to be the next governor of the Northern Marianas. Rep. Dana Rohrabacher of California, a senior member of the U.S. House Committee on International Relations, threw his support behind Fitial, whom he described, as a visionary and a leader. The California lawmaker said the future of the Northern Marianas and its people will be secured if Fitial gets the mandate of the people.

### Aug. 27, 2002

### Airport renaming bill hurdles first step

The Saipan International Airport could soon be sporting a spanking new name-the Francisco C. Ada International Airport. This comes soon after the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation passed House Local Bill 13-24 during yesterday's session. The measure now heads to the desk of Gov. Juan N. Babauta in a final step before enactment. During deliberations on the measure, House Floor Leader Jesus T. Attao inserted amendments that would require Babauta to prepare a dedication plan marking the naming of the facility after the bill is passed.

### Heinz vows to work with Senate on salary cap

In a bid to resolve the salary cap issue between the Legislature and the Babauta administration, House Speaker Heinz S. Hofschneider said he is willing to take the first step by meeting with the Senate to iron out the sanctioning requirement. Because, if not, all it would take is a Temporary Restraining Order and lawsuit on the Legislature and the Executive Branch and "we're done." Hofschneider said. This comes even as he related that, when he heard Friday that Attorney General Robert T. Torres had resigned, he felt as if he had stepped into a cesspool—the putrid stench of which wouldn't dissipate in the air. "And no matter how hard you try to wash it off, it still smelt of \_\_\_\_...the whole environment just seemed stagnant, to say the least" he said.

Editor's Note: Information subject to change without prior notice. All information provided by the respective churches. If you want your church or religious activities included or to report changes and errors, call Saipan Tribune at 235-6397 or 235-2440 or email editor@saipantribune.com.

### Maharlika

### OWWA launches scholarship program for OFW dependents

pine Overseas Workers Welfare Administration recently announced that it is now accepting applications from dependents of overseas Filipino workers for its college scholarship program. The scholarship program, called Education for Development Scholarship Program, is open to all high school graduating students in the Philippines who are children or dependents of active OWWA members.

OWWA Administrator Carmelita Dimzon said that the scholarship program provides an educational grant of P60,000 per year to every OWWA scholar enrolled in any four or five year course in colleges and universities in the Philippines. OWWA allots a total of P240,000 to P300,000 for each scholar for the entire duration of the scholarship.

Dimzon also said that the EDSP aims to help OWWA members to send their qualified children and dependents to first-rate schools and receive quality college education without having to worry about where to get the money to pay for their tuition fees. Under the program, OWWA will pay the tuition fee of the scholar directly to the school. Any remaining amount in the financial grant after the payment of tuition fee will be released to the scholar.

Labor attaché Luzviminda Padilla, who heads the Philippine Overseas Labor Office of the Philippine Embassy in Washington, D.C., is encouraging OFWs in the United States to avail of this program.

"The Filipino workers in U.S. should not miss this opportunity being offered to OWWA members. The financial grant that could be availed of under the program would certainly help their children in achieving their educational aspirations and realizing their dreams," she said.

Meanwhile, Welfare Officer Saul de Vries, the newly designated OWWA representative in Washington, D.C., advised OFWs in the U.S. to inform their high school graduating children or dependents to file their application with the OWWA Regional Welfare Office nearest to their place of residence in the Philippines. The deadline for submission of application is on Sept. 30, 2011. Qualified applicants will undergo a competitive examination to be administered by the Department of Science and Technology on Nov. 20, 2011

To be eligible to apply, the applicant must be: (1) a child of an OWWA member or brother/sister of an unmarried OWWA member; (2) below 21 years old; (3) a Filipino citizen; (4) in good health and of good moral character; (5) in the upper 20% of the high school graduating class; (6) has not earned units in any postsecondary/undergraduate course; and (7) not be a recipient of any scholarship award. OFWs interested in the program may call de Vries at telephone number 202-467-9425 or e-mail him at owwa washingtondc@yahoo.com. (PR)



Members of the Kidz Legacy Group have their picture taken after a recent performance. The Kidz Legacy Group is under the management of the Saipan Music & Dance Studio in Garapan, headed by Ester Sablan.

### 1 missing as strong typhoon skirts Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—At least one fisherman is reported missing and several towns in the northern and central Philippines are flooded as a slow-moving typhoon gains strength while drifting toward Taiwan.

Forecasters say Nanmadol is expected to become a super-typhoon later Friday with winds of up to 150 miles (240 kilometers) per hour as it hovers about 105 miles (170 kilometers) east of the Philippine coast.

TV footage showed farmers in northeastern provinces reinforcing dikes in rice paddies with sandbags while floodwaters swamped several towns.

The coast guard has grounded vessels and warned of waves about 16 feet (5 meters) high extending to Manila Bay.

An extended forecast track shows Nanmadol weakening slightly east of southern Taiwan by Monday morning.

### Comelec promises to broaden OFWs' voting rights

MANILA-IN a move aimed at strengthening the country's democratic fabric, the Commission on Elections will carry out a program to broaden the suffrage rights of global Filipinos.

Comelec Commissioner Armando Velasco made the announcement in a recent meeting with Convenors of the Global Filipino Nation, a group of global Filipinos.

"Comelec supports the goal of global Filipinos to deepen their participation in the election of our national leaders," he said. "If one were to consider the dependents of overseas Filipinos who live in the Motherland, they would constitute a large proportion of our population."

The areas covered by the suffrage broadening program for global Filipinos include legislation on Internet Voter Registration, Internet Voting and the removal of the Affidavit to Return executed by immigrant overseas voters. Doing away with the Affidavit to Return will resolve questions about the necessity of requiring overseas Filipinos to come home.

The GFN Convenors also proposed for Comelec to undertake truly continued, uninterrupted voter registration for global Filipinos. Such a continuing voter registration, in accordance with Section 7 of R.A. 9189, would stipulate a cut-off date for determining eligibility for voting in a given election. (OFW Journalism Consortium)



Call for Appointment (670) 233-0081

(H1B, H2B, L1, EB1, E1, E2, and others)

• Employment Based U.S. Visas

Status Clarification

Law Offices of Mailman & Kara, LLC Corner of Beach Road and Cpl. Derence Jack R., Garapan, Saipan



### **NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING**

for **Blue Water Homes** 

The public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this Conditional Use application. The Blue Water Homes, LLC is requesting to construct eighty (80) residential units in Chalan Piao on lots 458-NEW-1, 458-NEW-2, 458-NEW-3 and 743-1-1. These properties are located along the beach, near the south border of Chalan Kanoa Beach Club and the north border of Hopwood Jr. High

Date: September 8, 2011 (Thursday)

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: Multi Purpose Center, Beach Road Susupe

Above application may be viewed at the Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan. Comments on the project may be submitted orally at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted to the Zoning Office no later than 4:30 pm, September 7, 2011. Written comments may also be submitted via e-mail to staff@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or delivered to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, DanDan, Saipan.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please contact Therese T. Ogumoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seg. & Division 3 of Title 10 CMC).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman

### **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

### Thank you all

On behalf of the U.S. Pinoys for Good Governance, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude and sincere appreciation who has helped, supported, assisted and collaborated for the success of the Prayer Forum for Peace in the Spratlys and the commemoration of the 28th death anniversary of the late Sen. Benigno Aquino Jr., and the Holy Mass for the intention of the said events that were held at the Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe and Kristo Rai Church, respectively, on Aug. 21, 2011. We would like to thank the following:

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos, Rep. Gregorio Kilili Sablan, Senate President Paul A. Manglona, Sen. Frank Cruz, Mayor Donald Flores, Mr. John Gonzales, Most Rev. Pastor Manuelito Rey, Most Rev. Pastor Raymond Kinsella, Atty. Loida Nicolas Lewis, Bishop Nilo S. Tayag, Office of the Mayor (Saipan), Office of the CNMI Governor and Lt. Governor, Office of US Congressman Gregorio Kilili Sablan (CNMI and Washington DC), Office of Senator Paul A. Manglona, Ms. Leticia Palacios, CNMI Legislature, Guam Legislature.

Atty. Rodel Rodis, Atty. Ted Laguatan, TSL Foundation, Jerry Tan of TSL Foundation, Ed Arriola of TSL Foundation, Becky Tenorio of TSL Foundation, National Office Supply, Mr. Emilio Uy, Emie Ito/National Office Supply, Roy Adonay of Damdaming Pinoy Radio Show (Guam), Orlando Sabinorio (Philippines), Rudy Armenta, Celia B. and Ronald P. Lamkin, US Pinoys for Good Governance National Chapter, US Pinoys for Good Governance (CNMI Chapter), Carissa Villacorta (US Pinoys for Good Governance NY), John Raymond B. Sablan, CREAM, Dekada, Jesus is Lord Church, FILCOM, UP Alumni Association (Saipan Chapter), Bicol Association, Nemesio Cayao, Vidal/Pamintuan family, Nhitz Manalo, Maribel Loste, Danny Buniag, Gus and Doll Loste, Eduardo Elenzano, John Edward Elenzano, Eva Parco, Boni Sagana, Lyn Maglanque, Manny Cisnero, Lorna Cisnero, Emi Pamintuan.

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Maraming salamat po, thank you very much, and si yuus maase. Mabuhay!

### Celia B. Lamkin, MD

Convenor/Member, US Pinoys for Good Governance (Saipan) President, U.S. Pinoys for Good Governance (Marianas Chapter) Overall coordinator for CNMI, Guam and Hawaii (Prayer Forum)



### PH govt to evacuate OFWs still in Libya

Philippine officials on Sunday announced they were arranging with a humanitarian group the repatriation of more than 1,700 Filipino workers in Libya as rebels pushed closer toward Tripoli and small clashes erupted in the Libyan capital itself.

Libyan rebels announced that a 600-strong force that set eastward from the coastal city of Zawiya had reached the outskirts of the town of Jedaim on Sunday and that the front line was now less than 30 kilometers from the seat of Moammar Gadhafi's regime. It was unclear if the Libyan ruler was still in Tripoli.

Murad Dabdoub, a rebel fighter who returned to Zawiya from the front, said forces loyal to Gadhafi were shelling the rebel force with rockets, mortars and antiaircraft fire. Intermittent gunfire crackled in Tripoli itself

on Sunday morning after four strong blasts were heard shortly after 4 a.m. as Nato warplanes flew overhead, an Agence France-Presse reporter said.

Government spokesperson Mussa Ibrahim admitted there were "small clashes" that lasted 30 minutes but stressed the proregime volunteers and Gadhafi forces repelled insurgents who had "infiltrated" the capital. "The situation is under control," Ibrahim said on state television.

In Manila, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) said it was making arrangements with the Geneva-based International Organization for Migration (IOM) for the evacuation of the 1,700 Filipino workers, mostly nurses, in Libya.

DFA spokesperson Raul Hernandez said that Foreign Undersecretary Rafael Seguis and Ambassador Alejandrino Vicente were in Tripoli, visiting hospitals and housing areas to convince medical workers to leave because the security situation was "getting dangerous."

"Tripoli is inaccessible because of the fighting in Zawiya," the Philippine Embassy said in a report to the home office.

More than 26,000 Filipinos were in Libya at the outbreak of hostilities six months ago. Philippine officials said that half of that number had been repatriated, but they could not account for the rest, apart from the 1,700.

In earlier media interviews, Filipino nurses in Tripoli said that they were afraid to return to an uncertain future in their homeland. Thousands of nurses in the Philippines are unemployed.

### **Nato bombing runs**

Gun battles and mortar rounds were heard clearly late Satur-

day at the hotel where foreign correspondents stay in Tripoli. Nato aircraft made heavy bombing runs after nightfall, with loud explosions booming across the city.

"We planned this operation with Nato, our Arab associates and our rebel fighters in Tripoli with commanders in Benghazi," Mustafa Abdel-Jalil, the head of the rebel leadership council, told the Arab satellite channel Al-Jazeera.

Benghazi, hundreds of kilometers east of Tripoli, is the rebels' de facto capital.

Abdel-Jalil said rebel forces chose to start the attack on Tripoli on the 20th day of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, which fell on Saturday. The date marks the ancient Islamic Battle of Badr, when Muslims first fought for the holy city of Mecca in 624 AD. (PDI)

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**DINNER FUNDRAISER** 

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP), second from right, poses with Republican stalwart Juan S. Tenorio, center, and other guests at Sablan's \$200-per-plate fundraiser Wednesday night at Pacific Islands Club, kicking off his second re-election bid.



Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP), left, with guests including former Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Vicky Benavente, second from left, and former special assistant for administration Tom Tebuteb, center.



Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP), right, with long-time Republicans Tom Tebuteb, left, a former special assistant for administration during the Babauta administration, and David M. Sablan, center.



Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP), left, with Guam attorney David Lujan, right, attorney Victorino Torres, second from right, and other guests.



Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP), left, with his campaign manager Galvin Deleon Guerrero at Sablan's fundraiser Wednesday night. Also in photo is Saipan Southern High School's Manta Ray Band.



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The crowd at Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan's (Ind-MP) fundraiser Wednesday night.



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### **BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT**

Belated birthday greetings to Marlyn Sta. Maria, who celebrated her birthday last Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011, in As Lito, Saipan. Many happy returns of the day and may you have more birthdays to come! May God bless you and shower you with more abundance in life. Greetings come from Jun and Vicky.



Retirees listen to speakers during Tuesday night's meeting at Multi-Purpose Center where the Fund's investment consultant made presentation on the real status of the Commonwealth pension program.

### **Business**

### Jobs' new job at Apple could be 'chief visionary'

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)— The end of Steve Jobs' reign as Apple Inc. CEO doesn't mean he is bowing out as the maestro of personal technology.

True to its tight-lipped style, Apple isn't spelling out how actively involved Jobs will be as the company's new chairman while he tends to his own fragile health after surviving pancreatic cancer and a liver transplant during the past seven years.

But longtime Apple watchers have no doubt that Jobs will weigh in on all key decisions and help sculpt the company's future product lineup.

"I know enough about Steve Jobs to know that as long as he has a breath in him, he will be giving direction at Apple," said Tim Bajarin, president of Creative Strategies and the dean of Apple analysts. "He is going to remain Apple's chief visionary."

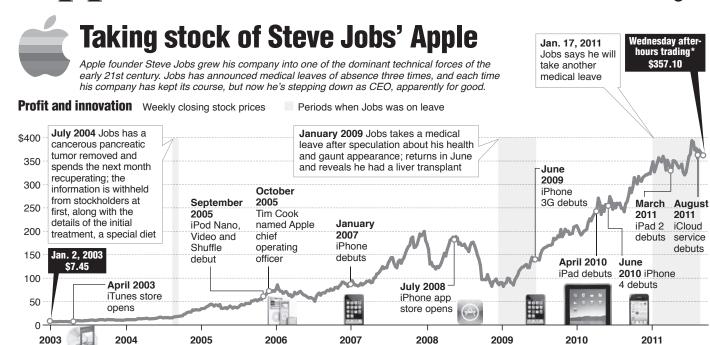
In his Wednesday resignation

that he planned to be "watching and contributing" to Apple's success as chairman, a position that had long been vacant.

In a sign of his commitment, Jobs put in a full day at Apple's Cupertino headquarters during his last full day as CEO, even though he was technically still on medical leave, said Yankee Group analyst Carl Howe.

Bajarin and other people in close contact with Apple said Jobs remained intimately involved there even as he spent 14 of the past 32 months on medical leaves of absence. During that stretch, Apple kept pumping out smash hits and became more successful than ever, with its market value swelling from \$80 billion to nearly \$350 bil-

Even so, the mere specter of Apple operating without Jobs conjures unwelcome memories. After co-founding Apple in 1976 and establishing it as letter as CEO, Jobs, 56, wrote a technology trailblazer, Jobs



Source: CNN, Bloomberg, Reuters Graphic: Chicago Tribune

was forced out in 1985. When he finally returned in 1997, the company was in danger in going bankrupt and even needed financial help from longtime

nemesis Microsoft Corp. to

The ongoing prosperity during Jobs' recent illnesses is a testament to the management team he assembled and schooled, and to his own ability to remain engaged and inspired even as he convalesces

The Steve Jobs way is so

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deeply ingrained in Apple's DNA that analysts are convinced that new CEO Tim Cook and his key subordinates no longer need to hear from Jobs every day to know what he wants.

In a Thursday letter to Apple employees, Cook stressed he won't mess with the formula that worked so well during Jobs'

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14-year tenure as CEO.

"I want you to be confident that Apple is not going to change," Cook wrote. "I cherish and celebrate Apple's unique principles and values. Steve built a company and culture that is unlike any other in the world and we are going to stay true to that."

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### Delta orders 100 Boeing 737-900ER aircraft

### >> New aircraft will replace retiring mainline jets

ATLANTA—Delta Air Lines yesterday announced plans to purchase 100 Boeing 737-900ER aircraft for delivery between 2013 and 2018 as it retires older mainline jets and upgrades its fleet.

The order will enable Delta to add 100 fuel-efficient, stateof-the-art 180-seat aircraft to its fleet, replacing on a capacityneutral basis older technology aircraft that will be retired from the fleet. The new aircraft will improve the company's profitability while providing customers with an industry-leading onboard experience. With a range of 3,200 nautical miles, the Boeing 737-900ER can operate on any domestic route offered by Delta.

"A key component of Delta's strategy is making prudent investments for the future while maintaining our financial and capacity discipline," said Richard Anderson, Delta's chief executive officer. "With this next-generation Boeing aircraft, we can give our customers a superior in-flight experience while at the same time improving our shareholder returns.

"I want to commend all the manufacturers who participated in this process. Their innovation in developing fleet solutions for the future resulted in several very competitive proposals," he said.

### Financially sound investment

Delta will begin taking deliveries of the aircraft in the second



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half of 2013, with 12 aircraft in 2013, 19 aircraft per year in 2014 through 2017, and the remaining 12 aircraft in 2018. Each aircraft has committed long-term financing.

The size and timing of the order will allow Delta to maintain its annual capital expenditure run rate between \$1.2 billion and \$1.4 billion over the next three years and will not impact the company's \$1.2 billion of capital expenditures projected for 2011. Capital discipline is key to the company achieving its \$10 billion adjusted net debt target by 2013.

As a result of maintenance efficiencies and a 15 to 20 percent improvement in fuel consumption per seat, the Boeing 737-900ER will have lower unit costs than the older technology Boeing 757 and 767 and Airbus A320 aircraft that it will replace. The aircraft will be equipped with CFM56-7B engines produced by CFM International, a joint venture of General Electric Co. of the U.S. and Snecma of France.

"With significant savings from increased fuel efficiency and lower maintenance costs, these aircraft will be cash flow positive and earnings accretive from the first year of operation," Anderson said.

### **Enhanced customer** experience

Delta is more than halfway through a \$2-billion, three-year investment to enhance the customer experience as a means of generating a unit revenue premium to the industry. The investments include improvements to Delta's fleet, facilities and technology.

The 737-900ER will be Delta's first aircraft to feature Boeing's new "Sky Interior," which offers expanded carryon baggage space, a roomier, more airy cabin and an LED lighting system that provides different color schemes, such as a soft blue sky and a relaxing pallet of sunset colors.

Delta recently completed the installation of full flat-bed seats in the BusinessElite cabin of all Boeing 777 and 767-400ER aircraft, and began installing full flat-bed seats in its 767-300ER aircraft this month. To date, more than 25 percent of Delta's widebody international fleet has received the upgrade and the airline's entire widebody international fleet of more than 140 aircraft will be flying with full flat-bed seats in BusinessElite by the end of 2013. (PR Newswire)

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and staff of Bank of Guam are proud to announce the formation of BankGuam Holding Company, a one bank holding company, which is now the parent of Bank of Guam.



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### said Leon Guerrero. (BoG) Oil hovers near \$85 as Bernanke speech awaited

(AP)—Oil **SINGAPORE** prices hovered above \$85 a barrel Friday in Asia as investors awaited a key policy speech later in the day from U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke.

Benchmark oil for October delivery was down 23 cents to \$85.07 at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Crude rose 14 cents to finish at \$85.30 on Thursday.

In London, Brent crude for October delivery was up 26 cents to \$110.88 on the ICE Futures exchange.

Oil has traded near \$85 most of this week as investors speculated whether Bernanke will announce any monetary stimulus measures to help boost lending and economic growth in a speech from Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Analysts expect oil would jump if Bernanke signals the Fed plans another round of Treasury bond purchases, known as quantitative easing.

"A lack of indications of revived monetary easing could

prompt a significant sell-off across a broad swatch of the financial and commodity arenas," energy consultant Ritterbusch and Associates said in a report.

Traders will also be eyeing revisions to second quarter U.S. gross domestic product and the latest consumer sentiment data.

Hurricane Irene could push crude prices higher if it disrupts refineries in Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virginia, which produce nearly 8 percent of U.S. gasoline and diesel fuel.

### **Nation**

### Hurricane Irene tightens aim on the East Coast

BUXTON, N.C. (AP)—A monstrous Hurricane Irene tightened its aim on the Eastern Seaboard on Thursday, threatening 65 million people along a shorehugging path from North Carolina to New England. One of the nation's top experts called it his "nightmare" scenario.

The Category 3 storm with winds of 115 mph—the threshold for a major hurricanewould be the strongest to strike the East Coast in seven years, and people were already getting out of the way.

Tens of thousands fled North Carolina beach towns, farmers pulled up their crops, and the Navy ordered ships to sea so they could endure the punishing wind and waves in open water.

All eyes were on Irene's projected path, which showed it bringing misery to every city along the I-95 corridor, including Washington, New York and Boston. The former chief of the National Hurricane Center called it one of his three worst possible situations.

"One of my greatest nightmares was having a major hurricane go up the whole Northeast Coast," Max Mayfield, the center's retired director, told The Associated Press.

He said the damage will probably climb into billions of dollars: "This is going to have an impact on the United States economy."

The head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency said

Md. Washington, D.C. \* Del. Va. 8 a.m. Sun. Richmond Hurricane watch N.C. Morehead City Wilmington • ···· Storm forecast Myrtle Beach 8 a.m. Sat. Atlantic Potential Hilton Ocean Head . track area Ga. Tropical **Hurricane Irene** storm watch 8 a.m. Fri. The Category 3 storm continued to hit the Bahamas on a path that is expected to approach the coast Fla. of North Carolina on Saturday. 2 p.m. Thu. @ 2011 MCT Hurricane Source: National Hurricane Center warning **BAHAMAS** Graphic: Melina Yingling

damages could exceed most previous storms because so many people live along the East Coast and property values are high.

"We've got a lot more people that are potentially in the path of this storm," FEMA Director Craig Fugate said in an interview with The Associated Press. "This is one of the largest populations that will be impacted by one storm at one time."

The storm would "have a lot of impact well away from the coastline," he added. "A little bit of damage over big areas with large populations can add up fast."

Irene was massive, with tropical-force winds extending almost twice as far as normal, about the same size as Katrina, which devastated New Orleans

in 2005. "It's not going to be a Katrina, but it's serious," said MIT meteorology professor Kerry Emanuel. "People have to take it seriously."

The governors of North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, New York and New Jersey declared emergencies to free up resources, and authorities all the way to New England urged

### the Gallup poll. There are many polls, Romney said, although he conceded, "Rick is a very effec-

Romney still enjoys a big lead in fundraising and organization over Perry and the others. For now, he seems eager to blunt rather than highlight his differences with them, a classic front-runner's strategy.

tive candidate."

At a packed forum in Keene on Wednesday, Romney noted that he and all the other contenders have vowed to reject a deficit-reduction package if it contains even \$1 in new tax revenues for every \$10 in spending cuts. Obama called that pledge irresponsible pandering.

gather supplies and learn the way to a safe location.

Irene was expected to come ashore Saturday in North Caroas much as 15 inches falling in

residents in low-lying areas to some places along the coast and around Chesapeake Bay. Scientists predict Irene will then chug up the coast. Some forecasts showed it taking dead aim at lina with 115 mph winds and a New York City, with its eye passstorm surge of 5 to 10 feet. It ing over Brooklyn and Manhattan could dump a foot of rain, with before weakening and trudging through New England.

### Grandparents are playing a bigger role in child-rearing

ica is swiftly becoming a granny state. Less frail and more involved, today's grandparents are shunning retirement homes and stepping in more than ever to raise grandchildren while young adults struggle in the poor economy.

The newer grandparents are mainly baby boomers who are still working, with greater disposable income. Now making up 1 in 4 adults, grandparents are growing at twice the rate of the overall population and sticking close to family-if their grandkids aren't already living with them.

Grandparents in recent decades have often filled in for absent parents who were ill or battled addiction, or were sent to prison. The latest trend of grandparent involvement, reflected in census figures released Thursday, is now being driven also by the economy and the graying U.S. population, including the 78 million boomers born between 1946 and 1964 who began turning 65 this year.

'We help out in terms of run-

WASHINGTON (AP)—Amer- ning errands, babysitting, taking the grandkids to doctors' appointments, and for back-toschool shopping," said Doug Flockhart of Exeter, N.H., listing some of the activities that he and his wife, Eileen, do for their five kids and seven grandchildren. But that's just the start.

They also pitch in with health care payments for family members due to insurance gaps, and their pace of activity has picked up substantially since their daughter, who lives three blocks away, gave birth to her first child this month. Flockhart, a retired architect, likes the family time even if he and his wife worry about their grandkids' futures. Their oldest grandchild is 16.

"It's not so much the day in and day out, it's the big picture as to how these young kids will grow up and pay for a college education and buy a house," he said. "The middle class is so much less well-off than it used to be. We've put aside some savings for them, but with seven grandchildren it can only go so far.'



Eileen and Doug Flockhart laugh as she holds a picture of their seventh grandchild near a wall full of family photos in their home in Exeter, N.H., Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011.

### Romney sticks with strategy despite Perry's surge

**DOVER, N.H.** (AP)—Despite a new rival's surge, Mitt Romney is campaigning as though he's still the GOP presidential frontrunner, focusing his criticisms on President Barack Obama, taking few risks and keeping most proposals vague enough to leave ample maneuvering room.

That may change soon, however, as events shift the contest to a higher gear. September will bring several GOP debates that will include Texas Gov. Rick Perry for the first time, as well as renewed attention to the question of how to create desperately needed jobs.

The former Massachusetts governor may be pushed out of

his comfort zone even sooner if Perry's fast rise seems real and lasting.

For months, Romney has largely floated above the sparring. He let Michele Bachmann knock her fellow Minnesotan Tim Pawlenty out of the race in Iowa, for instance, and refused to be drawn into tit-for-tat exchanges over policy details. Perry, the sudden favorite among Republicans according to a Gallup poll, may force Romney to turn his focus away from Obama and sharpen his differences with fellow Republicans.

This week, however, Romney stuck to an easygoing, business-

as-usual air as he campaigned in New Hampshire, which will hold the first primary in about five months. He took a cautious stand on climate change, downplayed GOP differences on jobs policies, and shrugged off suggestions that Perry may have overtaken him.

"If you're running for president, your focus should be on the person who is president and his failures, and how you're going to make America better," Romney told reporters in Claremont.

About the only thing he changed this week, he said with a laugh, was his shirt.

He cut short a question about

### **Prosecutor says mom** aware when baby pushed to fall

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP)—A woman described by her husband as blinded by postpartum depression knew what she was doing when she drove their 7-month-old son to the fourth story of a parking garage and pushed him over the edge, prosecutors said Thursday. Sonia Hermosillo's arraignment was delayed until Monday due to

medical issues. The 31-year-old faces one count of murder and one count of assault on a child with force likely to produce great bodily injury resulting in death. Prosecutors say the mother of three took her infant son to the garage at Children's Hospital of Orange County on Monday, removed a special helmet he wore for a medical condition and pushed him over the edge then re-entered the building to validate her parking ticket before a taste of what they've been

driving away.

### **Georgia profs offer** course to illegal immigrants

ATHENS, Ga. (AP)-As college students return to campus in Georgia, a new state policy has closed the doors of the five most competitive state schools to illegal immigrants, but a group of professors has found a way to offer those students

denied. The five University of Georgia professors have started a program they're calling Freedom University. They're offering to teach a rigorous seminar course once a week meant to mirror courses taught at the most competitive schools and aimed at students who have graduated from high school but can't go to one of those top schools because of the new policy or because of cuts to state scholarship programs.

### **ACROSS THE NATION**

### **Kansas man convicted** of capital murder in 4 deaths

LYNDON, Kan. (AP)—As his attorneys told it, James Kraig Kahler was so distraught his wife of 23 years was leaving him and had fallen for another woman that he snapped. He lost his job and self-control, and in a fit of madness, killed his wife, their two teenage daughters and his wife's grandmother. The jurors at his trial saw it otherwise,

though, and deliberated for just two hours Thursday before finding the 48-year-old Kahler guilty of capital murder, for which he could be executed. They apparently believed the prosecutors' version of events: that Kahler, an avid hunter, planned the killings with the precision of the engineer he is, going room-to-room through with an assault rifle stalking his prey, and shooting seven times and never missing.

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### Asia

### Japan prime minister resigns amid public dismay

TOKYO (AP)—Prime Minister Naoto Kan announced Friday he was resigning after almost 15 months in office amid plunging approval ratings over his government's handling of the tsunami disaster and nuclear crisis.

In a nationally televised speech, Kan said he was stepping down as chief of the ruling Democratic Party of Japan, effectively ending his tenure as leader of the country. The decision was widely expected because in June, Kan had promised to quit once law-makers passed three key pieces of legislation. The final two bills cleared the parliament earlier Friday.

The Democrats will vote Monday for a new leader, who will almost certainly become Japan's next prime minister—the sixth since 2006.

Former Foreign Minister Seiji Maehara is viewed as the front-runner to replace him. Finance Minister Yoshihiko Noda and Trade Minister Banri Kaieda are also viewed as contenders.

Looking back on his year and three months in office, Kan said he did all he could given difficulties he faced, including the disasters and a major election defeat in upper house elections last summer that left the parliament in gridlock.

"Under the severe circumstances, I feel I've done everything that I had to do," he said. "Now I would like to see you choose someone respectable as a new prime minister."



U.S. Vice President Joe Biden, left, is greeted by Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan prior to their meeting at Kan's official residence in Tokyo Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2011.

### New Tibet boss does not mention Dalai Lama

**BEIJING** (AP)—China's new Communist Party boss in Tibet passed on the chance to bash the Dalai Lama in his first public remarks since taking office, a shift from the angry rhetoric his predecessor routinely leveled against the exiled Buddhist leader.

Chen Guoquan focused on development and stability and made no reference to political struggle in an account of his speech published Friday in the official *Tibet Daily* newspaper.

"With economic development at the heart, with ethnic unity as the guarantee, with improving people's lives as our starting point, we must grasp tightly to development and stability as the two major issues," Chen said in Thursday's speech following his appointment.

The region's outgoing highest-ranking official, Zhang Qingli, made verbal attacks on the exiled Buddhist leader a hallmark of his nearly six years in power, at times calling him a "wolf in monk's robes" and the "scum of Buddhism." In remarks Thursday, Zhang said he would never forget the "resolute struggle with the Dalai clique" and referred to the "resolute, decisive handling" of Tibet's worst ethnic violence in decades in 2008 during his term in office.

Despite the early change in tone, there is no reason to believe the move will herald any major change in China's policies for Tibet, which are set at the highest levels in Beijing.

Still, observers say Chen is an economist who is unlikely to display Zhang's level of ideological zeal.

"Beijing may want someone in this position who is able to implement party and government policy with less aggression, and who may be less likely to deliberately antagonize the vast majority of Tibetans who remain loyal to the Dalai Lama," said Mary Beth Markey president of the Washington, D.C.-based International Campaign for Tibet.

Zhang, 60, is being moved to another position that of-

ficial reports did not identify. No reason was given for the move, although Zhang has served five years in the position, roughly a standard term for provincial officials.

Chen is a longtime party official in the eastern province of Henan who last served as governor of Hebei province surrounding Beijing. Like all of Tibet's previous party chiefs, Chen is not Tibetan but a member of China's majority Han ethnic group.

Zhang, a former top official in Xinjiang, another ethnically troubled region, took over as Tibet party secretary in 2006 during a relatively quiet period.

Two years later, deadly antigovernment rioting broke out among Tibetans in the capital, Lhasa, spreading quickly to Tibetan areas of western China in the most severe and sustained unrest in decades.

Security forces poured in and a massive crackdown ensued, with China closing Tibet to foreign tourists for a year. Foreign journalists remain barred from Tibet except on rare, tightly scripted government-organized trips.

As well as his attacks on the Dalai Lama, Zhang was known for enthusiastically enforcing restrictions on Buddhist religious practice and contacts with overseas groups.

Beijing considers Chinese sovereignty over Tibet unquestionable and inviolable. It says Tibet has been its territory for centuries, although many Tibetans say they were essentially an independent nation until Communist forces invaded in 1950. The Dalai Lama fled into exile in India following an abortive uprising against Chinese rule in 1959.

The 76-year-old spiritual leader recently shifted his political responsibilities to the prime minister of the self-proclaimed Tibetan government-in-exile, Lobsang Sangay, a 43-year-old Harvard legal scholar who grew up a refugee.

The 64-year-old Kan has seen his approval ratings tumble amid a perceived lack of leadership after the March 11 earthquake and tsunami and subsequent nuclear crisis. Survivors complain about slow recovery efforts, and radiation from the crippled Fukushima Dai-ichi plant has spread into the air, water and food supply.

Political infighting between the ruling and opposition parties also have discouraged the public. Recent polls show that his public support has fallen under 20 percent. Japan's new leader will take over a heavy load of tasks: rebuildling the country from the triple disasters, tackling a surging yen that is undermining the export-led economy and mapping out a new energy policy that is less reliant to nuclear power.

Kan's successor will also need to restore confidence in Japan's alliance with the U.S. Tokyo recently canceled Kan's U.S. visit for talks with President Barack Obama, expected in early September, due to the political uncertainty.

### Monsoon rains trigger floods, kill 33 in Pakistan

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP)— Flash floods triggered by heavy monsoon rains swept through a village in northwestern Pakistan, killing 33 people and leaving dozens others missing, disaster management officials said Friday.

The floods hit the remote Kundian Valley in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province Wednesday, destroying houses and other infrastructure, said Syed Asghar Ali Shah, the acting head of disaster management in the province.

Rescue and relief operations have been hampered by bridges and roads that were damaged last year in the worst flooding in Pakistan's history and have not been fixed, said Shah. Authorities sent two helicopters to help with the operations Thursday and hope to send another Friday, he said.

At least 33 people have been killed, and 38 others are still missing, including eight children, said Adnan Khan, spokesman for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's disaster management agency.

Heavy rains are expected to continue in the area for at least another 24 hours, according to Pakistan's meteorological department.

Monsoon rains begin in July in Pakistan and often lead to flooding. The floods that hit last year inundated about one-fifth of the country—an area the size of the United Kingdom—and affected up to 20 million people.

Experts have warned that many citizens are more vulnerable to flooding this year because they have not recovered from last year's tragedy.

### **ASIAN BRIEFS**

### Taiwan court overturns former leader's conviction

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—A Taiwanese court has overturned the conviction of former President Chen Shui-bian on charges of embezzling state funds. The move is not expected to impact the 17-year sentence he is serving on more serious charges. In Friday's decision, the High Court modified a previous finding and acquitted Chen of embezzling \$3.15 million from a special presidential fund. However, it affirmed that Chen had forged documents in the case.

### Sydney neurosurgeon imprisoned over drug deaths

SYDNEY (AP)—A neurosurgeon has been sentenced to almost eight years in prison after two prostitutes died of drug overdoses during sex and cocaine binges nine months apart in his exclusive Sydney apartment. In sentencing Friday, New South Wales state District Court Judge Robert Toner told 43-year-old Suresh Surendranath Nair that he had been "driven by self-indulgence." Nair had pleaded guilty to the manslaughter of a 22-year-old prostitute in November 2009 and to supplying cocaine to a 23-year-old prostitute who had died nine months earlier.

### Vietnam jails journalist for 7 years for blackmail

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—A journalist in Vietnam has been sentenced to seven years in prison for blackmailing a cement company. The state-run Tuoi Tre newspaper says Phan Ha Binh, who works for the Tien Phong newspaper, was convicted of extortion at a one-day trial Thursday in Ho Chi Minh City. According to Friday's report, Binh told the judge he wrote three negative stories about the cement company in 2010 and that he told the company he wouldn't write additional stories if it paid him \$10,000. He told the company that for another \$3,000, he'd write positive stories.

### World

### Fight 'the rats,' Gadhafi urges as rebels push on

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—The streets where rebel fighters bombarded snipers loyal to Moammar Gadhafi were strewn with bullet-ridden corpses from both sides Thursday. Streams of blood ran down the gutters and turned sewers red.

By sundown the rebels appeared to have won the battle for the Abu Salim neighborhood, next to Gadhafi's captured Tripoli compound, but the fallen dictator continued to elude them. Speaking from an unknown location, he exhorted his supporters to fight on.

"Don't leave Tripoli for the rats. Fight them, and kill them," Gadhafi said in a new audio message broadcast on Al-Ouroba TV, a Syria-based satellite station.

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—The Libyan rebels' interim government announced it is moving from the country's second city to the capital Tripoli, another step toward taking control, as heavy fighting raged around Moammar Gadhafi's last stronghold early Friday.

Before daybreak, rebels exchanged heavy fire with fighters loyal to Gadhafi who have holed up in residential buildings in the Tripoli neighborhood of Abu Salim, a regime stronghold. Smoke rose from the area of Abu Salim, and heavy machine gun fire and loud booms were heard across Tripoli before dawn.

Gadhafi is still on the run, but a minister in the rebel government said his capture is not a prerequisite for setting up a new administration in the capital.

Outside his Bab al-Aziziva compound, which rebels captured Tuesday, there was another grim scene—one that suggested mass, executionstyle killings of civilians.

About two dozen bodiessome with their hands bound by plastic ties and with bullet wounds to the head-lay scattered on grassy lots in an area where Gadhafi sympathizers had camped out for months.

The identities of the dead were unclear, but they were in all likelihood activists who had set up an impromptu tent city in solidarity with Gadhafi in defiance of the NATO bombing campaign.

Five or six bodies were in a tent erected on a roundabout



thought to be the last major stronghold of regime brigades in Tripoli, though there has also been ongoing fighting around the airport. Many of the pro-Gadhafi forces in Abu Salim are believed to have fled his Bab al-Aziziya compound after rebels captured it Tuesday, and the neighborhood is among the few places in Tripoli where pro-Gadhafi graffiti has not been painted over.

Rebel fighters moved methodically through the neighborhood—some on foot, wearing shorts and carrying machine guns, and others in long lines of pickup trucks with weapons mounted on the back. They fired anti-aircraft guns and rockets, trying to clear buildings of Gadhafi defenders.

Some of the bodies in the streets were on fire. The rebels covered their own with blankets and left the bullet-riddled bodies of their foes exposed.

The air was clogged with deafening explosions from mortars, the whistle of sniper fire and smoke from burning buildings and ammunition.

### How the rebels advanced to take Tripoli After months of deadlocked conflict, Libyan rebels fight their way into the capital Tripoli, the center

of besieged leader Moammar Gadhafi's power, and now claim to control most of the city. TUNISIA Mediterranean Sea Tripoli Key Gadhafi's Zawiya Lovalist hometown Misrata Benghazi Gulf of Oil field or pipeline Sirte Gas field LIBYA or pipeline 1 Aug. 15 Rebels capture Garyan, main travel route for Gadhafi's oil supplies Aug. 16 All roads leading into Tripoli cut off by rebels Zolton 3 Aug. 20 Rigdalin Tripoli Rebels take Zawiya, cutting the supply link to Al Jamil Zawiya · Explosions, gunfire in Tripoli; rebels launch attacks on city in coordination with NATO Rebel stronghold in western Nafusa Flebels launch dawn raid by sea; troops from Misrata land outside of Tripoli, advance on foot into capital; three of Gadhafi's sons captured Source: McClatchy Washington Bureau, AP, Reuters, Graphic: Robert Dorrell, Judy Treible © 2011 MCT · Rebels take major military base defending capital;

that had served as a field clinic. One of the dead still had an IV in his arm, and another body was completely charred, its legs missing. The body of a doctor, in his green hospital gown, was

found dumped in the canal. It was unclear who was responsible for the killings.

Rebels have seized most of Tripoli since sweeping into the capital on Sunday, and on Thursday they announced that their leadership was moving into the capital. The rebel National Transitional Council has been based in the eastern city of Benghazi, which fell to rebel forces early in the conflict.

free hundreds of prisoners

"In the name of the martyrs ... I proclaim the beginning ... of the work of the executive office in a free Tripoli as of this moment," Ali Tarhouni, the council's finance minister, told reporters in Tripoli.

"I have a final message for everyone who is still carrying arms against the revolution," he said, "to let go of their arms and go back to their homes, and we promise not to take revenge against them."

The rebels know they cannot declare a full victory in the 6-month-old civil war as long as Gadhafi has not been captured or killed. There was no sign of the leader or his sons, despite rumors that swirled around the battlefield that they may be hiding inside some of the besieged buildings in Abu Salim.

The neighborhood, where battles have raged for days, is

### Hidden tunnels, bunkers lie under Gadhafi compound

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—Beneath the grassy courtyard of Moammar Gadhafi's private compound, long tunnels connect bunkers, command centers and spiral staircases that lead to a luxurious home filled with Gadhafi family photos.

The electric lights are out and the banks of telephones have gone dead.

When rebels took over the compound Tuesday, they discovered what had long been rumored: An elaborate secret underground network.

Outsiders had never seen the tunnels beneath the Bab al-Aziziya compound. Many Libyans assume that underground passages connect all of Tripoli—which they say explains Gadhafi's ability to appear for speeches in places where no one saw him arrive. Some guess he fled the city through one of the tunnels as the rebels swept into Tripoli, though because of damage from NATO bombing, it was not possible to determine if the tunnels actually extend outside of Bab al-Aziziya.

After overrunning the compound, long seen as the symbolic heart of Gadhafi's rule, the rebels set alight his family home, seized huge numbers of weapons and turned the complex into a staging ground for fighting elsewhere in the capital.

They also discovered the underground network beneath it, a web of tunnels whose reach is still unclear.

"There's a Tripoli above ground and a Tripoli underground," said rebel fighter Ismail Dola, 26, exploring the tunnels with friends.

But few rebels were surprised that Gadhafi, who ruled for four decades and survived multiple assassination attempts, would have a secret world where he could escape.

"It's normal that someone like Moammar would do this to protect himself," said rebel Riad Gneidi, walking curiously through the tunnels with an assault rifle over his shoulder. "Any dictator has to have a way to protect himself and to escape in times like these."

### **WORLD BRIEFS**

#### 45 dead in attack on casino in northern Mexico MONTERREY, Mexico

(AP)—Two dozen gunmen burst into a casino in northern Mexico on Thursday, doused it with gasoline and started a fire that trapped gamblers inside, killing

at least 45 people and injuring a dozen more, authorities said. The fire at the Casino Royale in Monterrey, a city that has seen a surge in drug cartel-related violence, represented one of the deadliest attacks on an entertainment center in Mexico since President Fe-

lipe Calderon launched an offensive against drug cartels in late 2006. "This is a night of sadness for Mexico," federal security spokesman Alejandro Poire said in a televised address. "These unspeakable acts of terror will not go unpunished."

### Gaza militants call another truce with Israel

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)—Gaza militants early Friday called their second truce in less than five days in an attempt to keep more than a week of hostilities with Israel from es-

calating. A leader of the Islamic Jihad faction, Mahfez Azzam, said Egypt mediated the ceasefire, which is to go into effect at 1 p.m. local time Friday (1100 GMT). The factions had called a cease-fire late Sunday, but it dissolved almost immediately in a

volley of rocket fire from Gaza on southern Israel and retaliatory Israeli airstrikes in which some two dozen Palestinians and one Israeli were killed. The violence began with a militant attack that killed eight Israelis on the Egyptian border.

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### Young Style

### Pope to pilgrims: spread faith as youth fest ends

By NICOLE WINFIELD and HAROLD HECKLE

ADRID (AP)—Pope Benedict XVI urged more than 1.5 million young people to become missionaries for the faith Sunday, giving them words of encouragement as he concluded a glitch-marred church youth festival and announced that the next edition will be in Rio de Janeiro in 2013.

Benedict told the pilgrims at a Madrid airfield hosting World Youth Day that they should not keep their faith private but participate fully in the life of their parishes and remain in communion with the church.

"So do not keep Christ to yourselves! Share with others the joy of your faith," he said.

Hours earlier, a fierce thunderstorm during a prayer vigil at the airfield had forced Benedict to cut short his remarks and slightly injured six people when a tent collapsed. Some makeshift chapels set up on the field's perimeter were also damaged, forcing organizers to announce Sunday morning over loudspeakers that not everyone would be able to receive Communion during the Mass.

In fact, Yago de la Cierva, head of the World Youth Day organizing committee, said almost none of the young people received the Eucharist during the Sunday Mass, a serious letdown for such fervent Catholics to be denied the sacrament.

Despite the discomfort and disappointment, pilgrims who spent the night in sleeping bags, tents and under tarps seemed unfazed as they awoke to sunny skies Sunday. Organizers announced they were opening a new area at the base to accommodate late arrivals.

"The night was amazing, I didn't sleep at all," said Adrinna Wista, a 21year-old Polish pilgrim. "We stayed the night chatting, meeting new people and praying with them. Amazing.'

Cristina Velasquez, a 29-year-old from Venezuela, said she spent the night with a group of Indian pilgrims after police, who had initially told her the airfield was full, let her in as the rain came down.

"Sleeping was difficult because the ground is quite stony. But waking up was indescribable, we are all so happy and united," she said. "The pope's words have made me proud to be making this sacrifice for his and Christ's sake.'

Neither police nor the regional government have provided an official crowd count, but Vatican spokesman the Rev. Federico Lombardi said it was entirely "credible" that more than 1.5 million people took part.

Benedict arrived at the field Sunday morning and processed through the crowd in his white popemobile to the cheers and chants of the flag-waving pilgrims. Spain's King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia were on hand.

In his initial remarks to the crowd, Benedict said he hoped the young people had managed to get some sleep despite the weather. On Saturday, 2,500 had been treated for mostly heat-related problems amid temperatures that soared to 40C (104F), organizers said.

The 84-year-old pontiff was kept comfortable during Sunday's Mass by a cooling system erected on the altar; a steady mist blew down on him from a golden treelike structure shading the altar, which was set against a long undulating white backdrop.

This is Benedict's third World Youth Day, the gathering of young Catholics from around the world once every three years that was launched a quartercentury ago by Pope John Paul II in a bid to reinvigorate and spread the faith among the young. It has the feel of a weeklong rock concert and camping trip, with bands of flag-toting pilgrims roaming through Madrid's otherwise empty streets to take part in prayer and education sessions, Masses, cultural outings and papal events.

At the end of Sunday's Mass, Benedict officially announced that the next World Youth Day will take place in Rio in 2013—a year early to avoid conflicts with the 2014 World Cup in Brazil—



In this picture released by Vatican newspaper Osservatore Romano, Pope Benedict XVI greets youth outside Madrid's Apostolic nunciature, Friday, Aug. 19, 2011.

in the crowd jumped, whooped and cheered at the announcement.

"I think this is great for Brazil and

and said he hoped to attend. Brazilians its youth because it's a very Catholic country," said Brazilian pilgrim Rogerio Moreira, 35. "It's a very good experience for those who can't attend

other World Youth Days."

At a wrap-up briefing, Lombardi said the pope was pleased with the event despite the difficulties the storm threw his way.

"Life is made up of unforeseen things, of confronting something new and not just following a program that is carried out perfectly like we might have hoped," Lombardi said. The pope's decision to stick out the storm "I think was a beautiful test, a beautiful demonstration of patience, even courage and commitment to carry forward his witness."

But Lombardi too couldn't hide his disappointment that so many observant Catholics were denied the crucial sacrament during the Mass.

De La Cierva explained that the tentchapels had been sealed by police as a safety precaution after the storm damaged some: the Eucharistic hosts were sealed inside them as well.

De la Cierva also acknowledged some other glitches: some people who had credentials to be at the field were turned away Saturday because some non-credentialed pilgrims had taken their places; in addition, some pilgrims broke out of the barriers dividing the field into quadrants and occupied the spaces reserved for emergency vehicles, preventing Benedict from being able to process through in his popemobile Saturday night as planned.

"The Holy Father, with great pain, had to cancel," the procession, de la Cierva said. "This for us was a real shame, to not let the people see the Holy Father." The quadrants were reestablished by Sunday morning.

Before leaving for Rome, Benedict concluded his four-day visit with a farewell ceremony at Madrid's Barajas airport, where he praised this country that has seen Catholicism fall by the wayside in recent decades and where his visit was met by protesters opposed to the cost at a time of economic crisis.

"Spain is a great nation whose soundly open, pluralistic and respectful society is capable of moving forward without surrendering its profoundly religious and Catholic soul," he told the king and queen and other Spanish officials.

### By KATHY ANTONIOTTI

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By now, you are probably thinking about the new school year just a couple of weeks away. You may be planning what you want to wear the first day and thinking about how you will get along with your new teachers and classmates.

But have you ever noticed that sometimes the anticipation of an event, whether you view it with pleasure or dread, is often better or worse than it turns out to be?

The first day of school usually isn't as scary as you had expected. But then, did you enjoy your family vacation as much as you had expected this summer? Perhaps the vacation you looked forward to all year wasn't quite as exciting as you would have liked.

Psychologists say our feelings about special events in our lives, such as vaca-

### Kids' Krafts: Make a cockleshell critter keepsake

tions, come in three stages: The planning part where we anticipate all the new and exciting things we are looking forward to doing; the actual vacation or event; and finally, the memories we have from our experiences during that time.

The thing you can control is holding onto the wonderful memories you made by sharing the experience with people you love. You can also hold on to those memories with a reminder of all the fun things you did together on

Almost everyone brings home trinkets from the beach, seashells or driftwood, and probably a little sand you had no intention of carting home. Use those items and some imagination (maybe a few other purchased symbols of summer) and put them together into a permanent seascape that you create



You can remember your beach vacation by assembling some trinkets from your trip into a permanent seascape.

yourself to help you keep your memories until your next vacation.

Capture the fun in the sun with instructions I found at Family Fun on the

Web at http://familyfun.go.com/crafts/ home-garden-projects/outdoor-projects/beach-crafts/cockleshell-critters-668514/ to make this seascape with cockleshell critters.

Supplies you will need:

- Clean shells.
- Low temperature glue gun.
- White pony beads.
- Permanent black marker. ■ Piece of driftwood.

■ Purchased beach items (optional). For each critter, select two shells of

like size and shape. Set one top-side down and glue a pair of bead eyes to the edge opposite the hinge.

Then glue the other shell in place atop the first one, as shown. When the glue is dry, draw pupils on the eyes.

Finally, arrange your clam critters atop the driftwood and glue them in place.

Add a beach umbrella, or marine life that you might see on the shore, such as starfish or dragonflies.

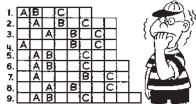
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CONNECT THE DOTS and find out the best way to raise strawberries.

Answer: The best way to raise strawberries is with a spoon.



DO YOU KNOW YOUR ABC'S?



Don't let this quiz make you nervous. The grid to our left has room for nine words, each of which contains at least three of the letters that we are looking for. We also give you plenty of hints to help you fill in the missing letters.

Illustrated by David Coulson

A GEOMETRY WAGER! Place eight straws on the table (Fig. 1) and bet your friends that they can't arrange them in a figure that will contain one polygon and eight triangles. Figure 2 shows you how it's done.



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IT'S MAGIC! Use the numbers 12 through 27 to fill in our Magic Square. The numbers in each horizontal row and vertical column should total 78. We've filled in six of the squares. The rest is up to

20, 17. Fourth row: 21, 16, 15, 26.

Our answer: First row: 19, 22, 26, 12, Second row: 24, 13, 18, 23. Third row: 14, 27,

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1. An old counting device. 2. A summer dining favorite.

- 3. A disadvantage to a plan.
- 4. A type of exercise. 5. A steep climbing car.
- 6. To make up a false statement.
- A type of car styling.
- Used by the police.
- 9. Found in the dining room.

7. Hatchback, 8. Roadblock, 9. Tableckith. Answers:

1. Abscus: S. Barbecus: 3. Drawback.
4. Aerobics: 5. Cable car. 6. Eatricate.
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#### by Samantha Weaver

- It was way back in the 17th century when noted Scottish scholar Patrick Young made the following sage observation: "The trouble with weather forecasting is that it's right too often for us to ignore it and wrong too often for us to rely on it."
- About once a week, a frog will shed its skin. Then eat it.
- If you've watched many old Westerns, you've doubtless seen Native Americans scalping their enemies. You probably don't realize, though, that the brutal practice didn't originate with the Indians. When the Dutch and English settlers were trying to clear out the natives, they were paid a bounty for each scalp they brought back. The Native Americans adopted the practice only after the Europeans' arrival on the continent.
- The country's first pizzeria opened in 1895 in, unsurprisingly, New York City.
- Those who study such things say that 70 percent of Americans have visited either Disneyland, in California, or Disney World, in Florida.
- ■If you want to have an especially memorable—and chilly-vacation, consider heading to Finnish Lapland. There, more than 150 miles north of the Arctic Circle, you can stay at the Kakslauttanen Hotel. The quarters aren't luxurious, but the sights are amazing. All the accommodations are geodesic glass igloos, offering amazing views of the aurora borealis.
- Are you a snollygoster? If so, you're shrewd, which isn't a bad thing, but you're also rather lacking in principles.
- When Andrew Jackson was running for president in 1828, his opponents called him a stubborn jackass. Jackson was proud that he was known for obstinately sticking to his guns, so he started using the image of a donkey on his campaign materials. The Democrats have been using that symbol ever since.

Thought for the Day: "Everyone, in some small sacred sanctuary of the self, is nuts."—Leo Rosten

### MAGIC MAZE

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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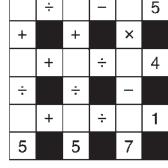
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### GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

### DIFFICULTY: ★★

\* Moderate \* \* Difficult \* \* \* GO FIGURE!



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## **MAGIC MAZE ANSWER**

**GO FIGURE ANSWER** 

### **Pets are important part of the family**

Dear Paws: I wanted to add my two cents to the question, "Are pets people too?" I believe they are a big part of a family. Animals are smarter than people. Dogs are the only ones who are so happy to see us when we come home!—Anna L. M., Melbourne, Fla.

Dear Anna: You make a good point! I've never seen my dogs mope when I walked in the door; rather, they always are right there to greet me. Pets do enrich our lives, and many of us consider them to be a part of the family.

Dear Paws: I'm pretty sure I wouldn't be alive without my dog "Blake." I'm a senior citizen; my wife passed away three years ago, and most of my children live too far away to visit regularly. Blake sleeps at the side of my bed every night and at exactly 6 a.m. every morning he sits up next to me, licks my face until I'm awake. He's so happy when I get out of bed that he turns in circles nonstop until I get dressed so I can take him out for his morning walk.

At my last checkup, my doctor said those morning walks are helping keep my blood pressure under control and I seem in good spirits.



I do enjoy taking care of Blake and he's the one who kept me going after my wife passed. Blake is family to me and no one can tell me different. Sign me—Stubborn Old Bob in Palmyra, N.Y.

Dear Bob: That's telling 'em! Thank you for telling your story. It sounds like Blake is taking care of you as much as you take care of him.

Send your question or comment to ask@pawscorner.com, or write to Paw's Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. For more pet carerelated advice and information, visit www.pawscorner.com.

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### Wrap up summer with fun-filled reading

rap up summer with the joy of reading and storytelling. It will sharpen your kids' and grandkids' minds and bring you together in memorable ways.

Here are 15 reading tips and activities to choose from:

- 1. For school-age kids, have a "Read Aloud" night when everyone in the family reads a story, comic strip, poem or letter.
- 2. Prepare and serve food your child's favorite storybook character eats. How about green eggs and ham?
- 3. Read the first half of a favorite storybook aloud with your child, and then invent a new ending.
- 4. Read a book from your own childhood to your kids. You might be sur-

prised discover that you share a love for the very same books.

5. Read a book with a story set in the country of your ancestors.

6. At the dinner table, read a joke

from a joke book, then make up your own or tell your favorite.

7. Read a story and substitute your child's name for one of the main character's

8. Carry books wherever you go and into fall. A favorite story helps pass time and quiets nerves while waiting at the pediatrician or dentist's office.

9. Check for "Meet the Author" programs at your public library or local bookstores.

10. Encourage your child to write a letter from your family to an author of one of the books you read together this

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summer. Tell him or her your thoughts about the book.

- 11. Press tiny leaves and small flowers and glue them onto a strip of poster board for a personalized bookmark.
- 12. Play an audiobook during your next car trip, and watch the miles fly by. Some public libraries offer e-Books and audiobooks to check out and download.
  - 13. Line up 10 summer family pho-

tos in a row a table on or on your computer screen and use them to create and adventure story.

Give 14. books for birthday and holiday pres-

15. Praise

your children for the progress they are making in reading.

Donna Erickson's award-winning series "Donna's Day" is airing on public television nationwide. To find more of her creative family recipes and activities, visit www.donnasday. com and link to the NEW Donna's Day Facebook fan page. Her latest book is "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families."

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### Good Housekeeping

### **Cut exposure to BPA**

By TERRI BENNETT
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

What are the chances that you are buying and bringing BPA right into your own home? Probably pretty good, and there is reason to be concerned.

BPA—or bisphenol-A—shows up in a lot of the products we use each and every day and it is linked to developmental problems, cancers, heart disease, diabetes, and infertility. For those want to reduce their exposure to this controversial chemical, here are my top five ways to do just that.

### 1) Be particular about your plastic

BPA can be found in plastic food containers and water bottles. It's best to drink water from a stainless steel or a "BPA-free" labeled bottle. If you are using plastic food containers or buy food in a plastic container, check the bot-

tom. BPA is used in polycarbonate (PC) containers that are often marked No. 7. Plastics with the recycling numbers No. 1, No. 2, and No. 4 are safer choices.

### 2) Make better choices for your baby

BPA can actually leach into liquid formula sold in metal cans. Powdered baby formula has been shown to be BPA-free so it's the best choice. Most manufacturers now offer baby bottles made without BPA but as a general rule, hard, clear plastic often contains BPA while soft, cloudy plastic usually does not. Avoid baby bottles marked "PC" or No. 7 on the bottom.

#### 3) Cut down on canned foods

BPA is also found in the lining of many canned food and juices. The chemical can actually leach from the liner into the food itself. Seek out cans labeled "BPA-free" and choose food items packaged in glass or

### How to eat a lobster

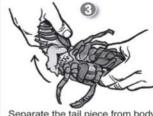
Lobsters are a delicious challenge: You've got to crack 'em open to eat them. Here's a plan of attack from one of owner Will Holtham's old place mats from his Home Port restaurant, on Martha's Vineyard, Mass.:



Twist off the claws



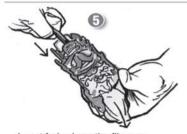
Crack claws with nutcracker and



Separate the tail piece from body by arching the back until it cracks



Bend back and break flippers off



Insert fork where the flippers broke off and push out tail meat

tetrapak pouches to reduce BPA

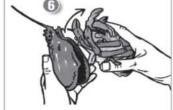
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mend rinsing canned fruit and

vegetables with water before

eating to reduce exposure.

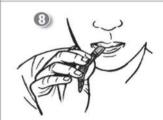
Graphic: Rick Tuma, Chicago Tribune



Unhinge the back; the tomalley, or liver, considered a delicacy by many, turns green when boiled



Open the body; crack it sideways; there is good meat in this section



The small claws are excellent eating; suck the meat out

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### Electrical Safety

By SAMANTHA MAZZOTTA

Q: What is a GFCI? A contractor we're considering to renovate our kitchen and bathroom keeps mentioning them.—Gayle S., Wheeling, W.Va.

A: The letters GFCI stand

for "Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter," a safety feature found in power receptacles (outlets). GFCI receptacles are required in bathrooms and kitchens by law.

GFCI receptacles detect when electricity is "leaking" and immediately interrupt the electrical circuit (e.g., shut off the power). This is an extremely important safety feature when operating electrical appliances like hairdryers or toasters near water. Even a tiny amount of excess electrical current will trip the circuit.

The receptacles are reset by pressing a button, usually set between the two outlets.

Q: How can I know for sure that a circuit has been turned off to a room or larger area?—Jay S., via email

A: Plug a lamp or a radio

into an outlet in the room. or turn the overhead light or fan on. Have a helper stay in the area and tell you when the light or radio turns off. If you aren't sure or are unable to check for power for any reason, turn off power to the entire home by flipping the main switch or circuit breaker. If you're unsure the power is completely off (for example, power supplied from a source outside the home) or not confident you can make the repair, contact a licensed electrician.

HOME TIP: Veteran electricians know to never grab a wire—touch it with the back of your hand first. If electrical shock occurs, your fist could close involuntarily, increasing injury if it closes around the wire.

### In Celebration of His New Life

### Patrick Manuel Acosta Blas

Born to life on September 8, 1985, was called to his eternal rest in the grace of our Lord on August 23, 2011.

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his: Wife: Joshlyn "Menchang" Lieto Blas Son: Patricio Manuel Acosta Blas II Daughter: Wynona Julene Lieto Blas

Parents in-Law: William and Julie Tudela Lieto
Sisters and Brothers in-law: Tiara Evangelista Lieto and children

Annjuliet L. and Joseph Lifoifoi and children Joelyn L. and Ralphael Magofna and children Jadaine L. and Justin Sablan and children Wilma Jean Tudela Lieto

Reared Parents: Lucy Ann T. and Nick C. Sablan

Special Cousin: Antonia B. Manibusan / James Sablan and Children

He will also be dearly missed by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, best friends, and co-workers.

In His new life, He now joins his:
Mother: Soledad Acosta Blas
Father: Jesus Basa Blas
Brother: Joseph Acosta Blas

Brother In-Law: Wilgene Tudela Lieto

Rosary is being said nightly at the San Vicente Church at 5:30pm, followed by Mass of Intentions at 6:00pm.

On Wednesday, August 31, 2011, our beloved's remains will be escorted from Borja Funeral Home to San Vicente Church at 7:30am for viewing and last respects. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1:00pm, immediately followed by interment service at the Tanapag Public Cemetary.

Un Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase for your thoughts, prayers, and comforting words.

From Menchang, Patricio, Wynona, and the entire family.

### DOLLAR\$ AND SENSE

### Is your food still safe to eat?

By DAVID UFFINGTON

In light of the government's likely cuts in funding for food-safety surveillance, it's more important than ever to be alert to recalls and news about food-borne illnesses. The Microbiological Data Program, sure to be axed from the annual budget, was set up in 2001 to test thousands of fruit and vegetables, many times more than are tested by the Food and Drug Administration. Results of those tests are then shared immediately with the FDA, and if necessary, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Given the recent outbreak of salmonella in cantaloupe and bean burgers, and E. coli in cheese and sprouts, it falls to us to be more vigilant on food safety, especially if some safeguards are going away. Here

are some steps you can take to enough eggs for your family ensure that the food your family ... and if you're so inclined, the occasional Sunday dinner. Get

If you haven't set up your computer for automatic food-safety alerts, do it now. Go to the FDA website at www.fda. gov/safety/recalls and sign up for email or SMS/text message notices.

If you have a farmer's market near you, inquire about how the crops are grown and fertilized. Make sure any manure comes only from herbivore animals, not carnivores, which can contain the very parasites and bacteria that you're trying to avoid. Remember that "organic" means no antibiotics or synthetic ingredients, but it doesn't completely guarantee your safety.

Grow your own. Many localities now allow a small number of chickens to be kept, even in urban yards. A halfdozen chickens will provide

enough eggs for your family ... and if you're so inclined, the occasional Sunday dinner. Get expert advice and study the feeds you provide. Know where it came from. Feed can be contaminated by a variety of bacteria, including salmonella. The FDA also reports on chickenfeed pellets and had one recall last year because of metal fragments. Whatever the chicken eats ends up in your eggs.

With vegetables, you can control the process from start to finish. Consult your county extension office for advice on soils and any additives needed to bring it up to par. Keep pets away from your garden and the source of water you use on the plants. (Whatever is in the water is taken into the plant and can't just be washed off.)

Check www.foodsafety.gov for information on recalls and food handling safety.

### Life & Style

### The newest face on the National Mall in DC

LOS ANGELES TIMES

ASHINGTON—After years of public squabbling over how many memorials is too many, a 7-acre homage to World War II was plunked in the middle of the National Mall in 2004. Congress then declared the cherished space known as America's Front Yard an "essentially finished work of art."

In other words, no more building.

Even so, a memorial to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. will open this month on 4 acres near the Tidal Basin where the cherry blossoms bloom. As well as a tribute to the slain civil rights leader, it is evidence that the mall, like America's story, is a work in progress that might never be "finished."

"To say the mall is complete strikes us as essentially saying American history has come to a screeching halt, and no one believes that," said Judy Scott Feldman, chairwoman of the Maryland-based National Coalition to Save Our Mall.

The King Memorial is scheduled to open Sunday, Aug. 28, the anniversary of his 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech. The dedication, which will cap a fiveday celebration, could draw as many as 400,000 people—nearly twice the number who took part in the 1963 March on Washington.

WASHINGTON (AP)—With Hurricane Irene bearing down on the nation's capital, organizers postponed a planned weekend dedication of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial on the National Mall.

Harry Johnson, the president of the foundation that built the memorial, announced at a hastily called news conference Thursday evening that the dedication will be postponed until September or October.

It also marks another chapter in a debate that has simmered for decades over the dangers of overdeveloping the National Mall, designed by Pierre L'Enfant in 1791 as a geographic embodiment of the Constitution.

Its great cross axis stretches east to west from the U.S. Capitol to the Lincoln Memorial, and north to south from the White House to the Jefferson Memorial. Its grand promenade is where millions gather to celebrate, mourn, protest and learn.

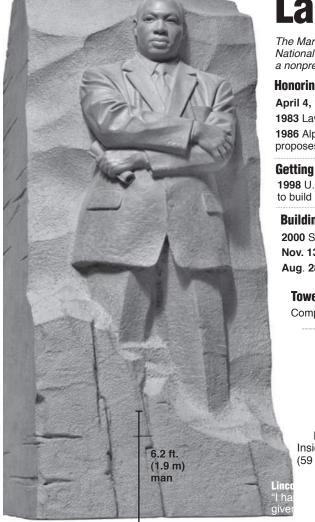
The tribute to King brings to nine the number of major memorials on the National Mall (though the obelisk that honors George Washington is technically a monument). Nearly half were built within the last 16 years—lightning speed for a 220-year-old landmark.

Building on the mall requires an act of Congress, and approval takes years. But critics believe decisions regarding the mall—like so much else in Washington—are driven more by politics and personal interest than an overriding vision for the greater public good.

"The early main monuments were anticipated in a plan with a symbolic logic. The recent ones have just been plopped where Congress and the regulatory agencies see empty space," Feldman said.

Her group supports putting further

Out of a mountain of despair, a stone of hope. "I have a dream" speech, Aug. 28, 1963



Each quote cut into the side of the stone

"I was a drum major for justice, peace and righteousness" "Out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope"

\$120 nillion	3 statues	4 acres	14 guotes
ost of emorial	Made from 159 pieces of granite	Memorial sits along the Tidal Basin	Engraved along the inscription wall

### A place of peace

Natural elements of the site are meant to convey themes of democracy, justice, hope and love

- · Stone Chinese sculptor Lei Yixin constructed the three statues from 1,600 metric tons of granite
- Trees Includes 182 Japanese cherry trees that will bloom around April 4, the anniversary of King's assassination, seven crape myrtles and 31 American elm trees
- · Water Located on either side of the main entry; only visible after entering the memorial plaza

Source: National Memorial Project Foundation Graphic: Melina Yingling

### Larger than life

The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial is the first on the National Mall to pay tribute to an African-American and a nonpresident.

### **Honoring King**

April 4, 1968 King assassinated

1983 Law creates federal holiday to honor King's birthday 1986 Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, to which King belonged, proposes memorial

### **Getting started**

1998 U.S. Senate, House allow Alpha Phi Alpha to build memorial with private funds

### **Building the dream**

2000 Site dedicated with bronze marker

Nov. 13, 2006 Groundbreaking ceremony Aug. 28, 2011 Dedication, opening



Under a 95.7 ft. (59 m) building (29 m) dome



Mountain of Despai Main Inscription wall 450 ft (137 m): includes excerpts from King's speeches

Stone of Hope 30 ft. (9.1 m) Appears to have been pushed from single boulder at entrance

additions along the nearby banks of the Potomac River, and preserving the famous vista. "Our history goes on. Why not expand the mall so we can keep telling more of our American story?" she said.

The National Mall was not always so central to America's civic life. Envisioned as a grand park in 1791, it was still a cow pasture by the mid-1880s. Ugly boxlike buildings covered the lawns during two world wars. President Nixon had the last of them removed.

The mall achieved a sense of magnificence nevertheless, honoring the men and ideas that shaped the country. The Washington Monument was dedicated in 1885, the Lincoln Memorial in 1922. The District of Columbia War Memorial, never very famous, appeared in 1931, and the Jefferson Memorial in 1943.

For nearly 40 years, monument building hit a lull. After a cleanup effort for the nation's bicentennial, Congress decided there was room for more. In 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial—a simple yet enormously popular wall of polished stone—went in.

"After that," Feldman said, "all hell broke loose."

Some called what followed "memorial fever": one to the Korean War in 1995, another to Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1997, a third to World War II in 2004 and now one to King—each of them a space-gobbling landscape.

The result: Congress' self-imposed moratorium proved unexpectedly pliable, and the historic open space is going fast.

"There are noble thoughts on either side of the debate," said Cynthia R. Field, coauthor of "The National Mall: Rethinking Washington's Monumental Core."

"The mall is a place designed for the people. But more people mean more toilets, more cafes, more signage and buses. It's a tricky balance," she said.

The \$120 million King Memorial will be the only one on the mall that doesn't honor a president or a war. Each visitor will enter through a split boulder called the Mountain of Despair and onto an open plaza, much as King's life moved through a monolithic struggle toward freedom. An inscription wall captures his legacy with quotes etched in granite; a 30-foot sculpture captures his image, arms crossed.

Every detail is symbolic. Even the address—1964 Independence Ave.—is a reference to the year the Civil Rights Act was passed.

This month, LaVette Smith, 50, of Philadelphia visited the mall with her husband and three young sons. The King Memorial was still wrapped in chain link and construction tape. She planned to return for the unveiling.

Overbuilding is a danger, she agreed, but like several other people there on a recent Sunday, she couldn't pick a memorial she would have excluded.

"Every creed and culture has made a contribution to what we have become as a nation," said Smith, an African-American

"I can bring my children to Dr. King's memorial and say, 'Here is our part, our contribution.' "

### **Memorial and museum row**

The Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial adds to the growing number of memorials and museums on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.



- 1 Lincoln Memorial
- 2 Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- 3 Korean War Veterans Memorial
- 4 D.C. War Memorial
- 5 Martin Luther King Jr. **National Memorial**
- 6 Memorial to the 56 Signers of the Declaration of Independence
- 7 World War II Memorial 8 Washington Monument
- 9 Future site of the National Museum of African American History and

Culture\*

- 10 National Museum of American History
- 11 Freer Gallery of Art 12 National Museum of
- Natural History 13 Smithsonian Castle
- 14 Arthur M. Sackler Gallery
- 15 National Museum of African Art
- 16 Arts and Industries Bldg.
- 17 National Sculpture Garden
- 18 Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden
- 19 National Gallery of Art West Building
- 20 National Air and Space Museum
- 21 National Gallery of Art East Building
- 22 National Museum of the American Indian
- 23 U.S. Botanic Gardens
- 24 U.S. Capitol

\*Estimated completion in 2015 Source: U.S. National Park Service

NOTE: The Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Thomas Jefferson memorials are at the south edge of the Tidal Basin are not shown Graphic: Tom Reinken, Doug Stevens, Los Angeles Times

### Carrey launches new website with video love letter

(AP)—Jim Carrey is launching his new website with a bang. The 49-year-old actor posted a video love letter to "The Help" star Emma Stone on www.jimcarreytrulife. com Wednesday that



Carrey

"creepy." The oneminute, 53-second video shows Carrey speaking into a handheld camera and sincerely professing his love for the 22-yearold actress.

Carrey says Stone

many online deemed is "all the way beautiful. Not just pretty, but smart, and kindhearted" and that "if I were a lot younger, I would marry you." He goes on to say they would have "chubby little freckle-faced kids."

The popular video crashed

Carrey's new site early Thursday. Carrey said on Twitter that the video "was a comedy routine."

Stone has not responded publicly to the video. Her publicist did not reply to an email seeking comment Thursday.

### China bars some Lady Gaga hits from download sites

BEIJING (AP)—China's Ministry of Culture has ordered music download sites to delete songs by Lady Gaga, Katy Perry, the Backstreet Boys and other pop stars within two weeks or face punishment.

The ministry posted a list of 100 songs—including Lady Gaga's "Judas" and Perry's "Last Friday Night"—that had to be purged from the Chinese web because they had never been submitted for mandatory government screening.

Six Lady Gaga songs in all were on the list, all from her latest album. The 12-year-old ballad "I Want It That Way" by the Backstreet Boys was also targeted. Dozens of Hong Kong and Taiwanese pop songs and a few Western hits were listed as well.

The ministry said the rule was meant to preserve China's "national cultural security."

Sites were told in the Aug. 19 announcement posted to the ministry's website that they

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Po-

lice on Thursday began search-

ing for the car belonging to actor

Michael Showers. The body

of the actor in the HBO series Treme was pulled from the Mis-

sissippi River on Wednesday

after it was spotted by the captain

had until Sept. 15 to carry out "self-correction" and delete the songs. It said violators would be punished, but didn't outline the penalties they would face.

It didn't say that the listed songs were objectionable, just that they had not been approved for distribution.

The Chinese government carefully screens the content of imported entertainment content for political messages or commentary that runs contrary to its official line.

Foreign music acts in particular are believed to receive special scrutiny after Icelandic singer Bjork shouted "Tibet!" during a 2008 concert in Shanghai after performing a song titled "Declare Independence."

China claims Tibet has always been part of its territory, but many Tibetans say the Himalayan region was virtually independent for centuries and that Beijing's tight control is draining them of their culture and identity.

### Judge wants more info on Chris Brown neighbor spat

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A judge wants to know whether Chris Brown is being a good

Superior Court Judge Patricia Schnegg ordered prosecutors Thursday to get more details about neighborhood complaints about the R&B singer before his next Oct. 12 court hearing. Brown is on probation for a 2009 attack on then-girlfriend Rihanna.

The judge said she had received several calls from Brown's neighbors, but said she had not spoken directly to the people. She did not seem overly concerned about the complaints, but wanted more information about them and where Brown would complete his community service.

The singer had served 581 hours of community service in Virginia as of January, but needs to complete six months' worth of community labor to complete the terms of his probation. He recently moved to West Hollywood, Calif., and his attorney Mark Geragos said Brown may ask to complete his service in California.

Geragos downplayed the neighbor dispute, saying Brown was not at fault for some of the complaints. Geragos said West Hollywood city officials have dismissed more than \$15,000 in parking citations Brown racked up for parking in a handicapped space at his condominium complex because those were the spaces assigned to him.

Brown has received mostly glowing probation reports since he was sentenced for the Rihanna attack two years ago. A probation report filed Thursday noted that media reports have focused on outbursts by Brown, but states that none of the conduct has been reported to probation officials.



Singer Chris Brown watches action at the NCAA South Regional on Friday, March 26, 2010, in Houston, Texas.

#### of the riverboat Natchez. Showers played a police of-

ficer on the cable drama. His work also includes "The Vampire Diaries," "Traffic," and the coming film, "Colombiana."

Body pulled from river that of 'Treme' actor

A St. Bernard Parish Sheriff's spokesman says the 44-year-old man lived in Chalmette with his girlfriend. He said she reported him missing Tuesday after he didn't return from a night out with a friend in the French Quarter.

The woman told police that Showers suffered from severe depression and was diagnosed in March with multiple sclerosis.

### **ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS**

### **Actress Melissa Gilbert** files for divorce in LA

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Court records show Melissa Gilbert has filed for divorce after 16 years of marriage to fellow actor Bruce Boxleitner. The former "Little House on the Prairie" star cited irreconcilable differences in her divorce petition, which was filed Monday in Los Angeles. The filing states the couple separated in January, shortly after their 16th wedding anniversary. Gilbert served two terms as president of the Screen Actor's Guild, and Boxleitner has appeared in numerous movies and television series, including "Babylon 5" and both "Tron" films. The couple has a 15-year-old son together. Gilbert, who played Laura Ingalls on "Little House," is seeking joint custody of their son and no spousal support from Boxleitner.

### Jon Stewart to host session with **Nirvana members**

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Comedy Central's Jon Stewart will host a Q&A session with the surviving members of rock band Nirvana to celebrate the 20th anniversary of its album "Nevermind." Stewart will host the event on SiriusXM for two hours on Sept. 24. It will feature fans, Nirvana band members Dave Grohl and Krist Novoselic, and Butch Vig, the producer behind "Nevermind." Kurt Cobain, the band's lead singer, committed suicide in 1994. "Nevermind" was the band's second album and has sold 10 million units in the United States. It features Nirvana's biggest hit, "Smells Like Teen Spirit." Grohl is now the lead singer of the Foo Fighters. SiriusXM will also launch the all-Nirvana channel, Nevermind

Radio, on Sept. 23 until Sept. 28.

### **Broadway's 'Mary** Poppins' has a new nanny

NEW YORK (AP)—Broadway's "Mary Poppins" will soon have a new leading nanny. Producers said Thursday that Steffanie Leigh will make her Broadway debut in the title role beginning Oct. 11. She'll be taking over from Laura Michelle Kelley, who originated the role and bows out on Oct. 9. Leigh has spent the last eight months playing the umbrella-weilding nanny on a North American tour of the hit musical. The Carnegie Mellon University graduate's regional theater credits include "Into the Woods" and "Beauty and the Beast." "Mary Poppins," coproduced by Disney and Cameron Mackintosh, is based on both the children's books by P.L. Travers and the beloved 1964 movie starring Julie Andrews and Dick

Van Dyke. It opened on Broadway in 2006, two years after debuting in London.

### **Buckingham: Fleetwood** Mac could tour. record again

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Fleetwood Mac could be back on the road soon. Lindsey Buckingham says the band is considering another tour and even recording a new album in the near future. The guitarist, songwriter and producer says there have been "a lot of rumblings" about another Fleetwood Mac tour, but that nothing is on the books yet. Stevie Nicks has also hinted at future Fleetwood Mac concerts. The band reunited for an international tour in 2009. Buckingham is set to begin a solo tour next month to support his sixth solo album, "Seeds We Sow," which is set for release Sept. 6.

### Engaged couple's differences are cause for needed pause

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

**DEAR ABBY:** "Seth" and I have been going out for almost three years. We have been engaged for a year and I love him, but every time he talks about living together or getting married, I get so nervous and scared that I suffer anxiety attacks.

We have differences when it comes to handling money, keeping the house in order and having pets. We also argued about a pre-



nup agreement. Seth won't change his position on it and I'm still resentful. I'm worried that if we live together I'll end up with his debts. If things don't work out, I don't want to start all over again.

We're both divorced with kids. We have a good relationship except for my fear of going to the next level.

SKITTISH IN CANADA

DEAR SKITTISH: You and Seth have significant areas of disagreement, and they are ones that could affect the outcome of your relationship. That's why it is important for you to seek premarital counseling to see if they can be worked out. If they can't be, then you and Seth need to find different partners, because the issues upon which you differ are deal-breakers, and the last thing either of you—or your children-need is another divorce.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have always had a close relationship with my mother. She is smart, wonderful and sweet, but she can also

In the past Mom has trusted people who turned out to be not very nice. When she began this relationship with the "perfect man," I was curious. I inquired about his prior relationships and history in general. He openly shared details about his past—except for one thing I later discovered on my own. He has served an extensive stint in prison for being a child predator and is still

I don't want him around my children or any of my mom's other grandchildren. Mom says he's a reformed person now. He may be, but I don't know him well. Mom is welcome to see my children anytime, but not with him. She thinks I'm being unreasonable, and I'm uncomfortable about the way she is pressing the issue. What should I do?

### CAN'T BACK DOWN ON THIS ONE

DEAR CAN'T BACK DOWN: Stand firm in your resolve until such time as YOU are convinced the "perfect man" will not offend again. Your mother is emotional about him and is not thinking clearly. If he had leveled about the fact he's on parole and for what, that would be one thing. But he didn't, and that is cause for worry.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a man who has tried to lose weight for my health and failed. I am trying again now and have lost 40 pounds. A couple of years ago I did the same thing, and then before I knew it I gained it all back. I'm really trying to keep it off this time.

A co-worker said, "You look good with the weight loss, but do you think you'll be able to keep it off this time?" I had no idea what to say. I told him we all have our vices, but I am trying. Abby, the comment hurt my feelings. How would you suggest handling the situation?

### SMALLER IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR SMALLER: Your co-worker's comment was thoughtless. But if he brings up the subject again, tell him how it made you feel the first time he did, and that your weight problem is really none of his business.

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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Alexa Vega, 23; Sarah Chalke, 35; Alex Lifeson, 58; Paul Reubens, 59.

Happy Birthday: Too much of anything will hold you back. You have to decide what's right for you and give only what's within your means. The right changes can bring you good fortune, but only if you are practical. Love is in the stars, and socializing, networking and meeting people by getting involved in new interests will all work to your benefit. Your numbers are 8, 10, 24, 29, 30, 36, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Do your homework so you are well informed before you enter into a conversation that could become heated. A change in your personal status is apparent, and the only way to ensure that it turns out in your favor is to be prepared. OCOCO

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll be caught in the middle. Put pressure where it is needed to help alleviate your own stress, overhead or responsibility. Engage in an activity that will enable you to enjoy family, friends or your lover. You'll find a bargain if you go shopping. 🛇

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Try not to over- or underestimate others. It is best not to meddle or get involved in situations that can lead to a loss of friendship. Speak from the heart, open and honestly.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Helping is fine, but don't let anyone take you for granted. Know ahead of time how much you are willing to contribute and when to say no.

As long as you maintain balance and control, you will gain respect.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Emotions will swell and problems will result if you cannot contain your feelings. Limit what you share verbally or you will end up having to apologize or living with regret. Don't let stubbornness be your downfall. ���

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A change of fortune is apparent. You will reap rewards and experience loss. You have to wager the pros and cons of every situation and communicate openly and honestly to be well informed. Avoid gossip. 🗪

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Network and socialize as much as possible. Take action and get things done, and you will impress someone who has a position or proposal that will benefit you in the future. Love and romance are highlighted.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Reconsider what you can do with your skills and knowledge, and you will find a path that suits you in this economic climate. Reinventing how you present yourself will enable you to interest a new group of clients. You are long over-

due for a change. OO SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Work hard at home to make things right. You have to face the music; accept what isn't working and make the neces-

sary changes that will allow everyone the freedom to carry on. It's time to be more selfsufficient.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Do what you can to fix up your digs. Buying and selling possessions can help your financial situation. Making a move or signing an

agreement will bring you greater power and financial gains. OOO

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't jump to conclusions or get involved in a group or situation before you have the lowdown on what's going on. Go to the source and determine if it is a wise move for you. It is best to move forward alone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Use your charm to get others to help you accomplish your goals. Taking an active role in a project that interests you will bring you in contact with people who have something to offer. Don't ask for too much, and you will end up getting more than you need. •••

Birthday Baby: You will not give up or give in until you reach your goals. You are curious, social and thirsty for knowledge.

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### Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green 5 6 9 3 8 4 6 4 5 8 3 5 6

Difficulty Level ★★★★

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

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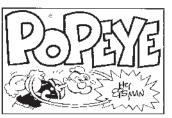
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### McCann powers Braves past Cubs, 8-3



(AP)—Atlanta catcher Brian Mc-

Cann homered twice to power the Braves to an 8-3 win over the Chicago Cubs in the National League on Thursday.

McCann hit a three-run homer in the first and a solo shot in the seventh for only his eighth career multi-homer game. Michael Bourn had a career hightying four hits, scored two runs, and drove in a run.

The Braves also benefitted from four Chicago errors.

Brandon Atlanta starter Beachy (7-2) won his fourth straight decision, recovering from a shaky start to pitch six innings, allowing two earned runs and striking out eight.

Cubs starter Matt Garza (6-10) allowed six runs over five innings.

#### Diamondbacks 8, Nationals 1

In Washington, Wade Miley threw six scoreless innings to get his first major league victory, guiding Arizona past Washington.

Milev(1-1)repeatedlyworked out of trouble-allowing two men to reach base in four of the first five innings—but he mixed his fastball with a generous dose of offspeed pitches to keep the Nationals in check.

Chris Young and Paul Goldschmidt homered for Arizona, which moved three games ahead of sliding San Francisco in the NL West.

John Lannan (8-10) allowed two runs to become Washington's latest hard-luck loser. He had one major mistake—a

**CHICAGO** sixth-inning fastball that Young deposited into the left field bleachers to open the scoring.

#### Cardinals 8, Pirates 4

In St. Louis, Matt Holliday hit a three-run homer to give St. Louis a much-needed win over Pittsburgh.

David Freese had a two-run single to put the hosts ahead to stay, and the Cardinals ended a three-game losing streak, moving within 9-1/2 games of firstplace Milwaukee in the NL Central

St. Louis starter Edwin Jackson (10-9) allowed one earned run in six innings, reaching double figures in wins for the fourth straight season.

Pirates starter Charlie Morton (9-7) gave up five runs in 4 1-3 innings.

### Astros 3, Giants 1

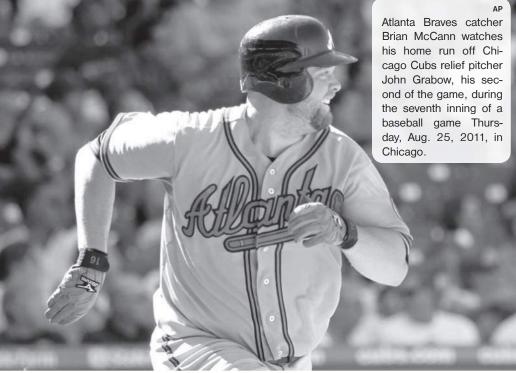
In San Francisco, Jordan Schafer homered and scored three times as Houston won its first game in five, beating San Fran-

J.D. Martinez doubled twice and had two RBIs for the Astros, who stole a season-high four bases and turned three double plays on defense.

Houston starter Henry Sosa (1-2) took his first career win. He pitched with runners on base every inning but limited the damage. The rookie began the season with the Giants before being shipped to Houston last month.

San Francisco had the potential tying run at the plate in the ninth with no outs, but Pablo Sandoval hit into a double play and Aubrey Huff flied out.

Giants starter Ryan Vogelsong



(10-4) went 7 1-3 innings.

### Red Sox 6, Rangers 0

In Arlington, Texas, the Boston Red Sox kept their noses in front in the American League East race and dealt a further blow to Texas' playoff ambitions by beating the Rangers.

Boston's Adrian Gonzalez homered twice to give him five in four games, hitting a solo shot in the first inning and a tworun drive in the third off Alexi Ogando (12-6). That gave him three homers in as many swings, having also gone long in his final at-bat on Wednesday.

Red Sox starter Andrew Miller (6-1) pitched 6 1-3 scoreless innings and struck out six as the visitors won the series between the divisional leaders three games to one.

Boston remained one game

ahead of New York in the AL East, but the Rangers have lost five of six and seen their lead over the Angels in the AL West cut to just two games, having been seven as recently as Aug. 17. Texas and Los Angeles face each other in a three-game series starting Friday.

### Tigers 2, Rays O

In St. Petersburg, Detroit completed a 3-1 series win over Tampa Bay, boosting its AL Central lead to 6-1/2 games.

Tigers starter Doug Fister (6-13) went seven scoreless innings, striking out five. He is 3-1 in five starts with Detroit since being traded from Seattle.

Austin Jackson hit a leadoff homer in the first and made it 2-0 with a sacrifice fly in the fifth.

Ravs starter Jeremy Hellickson (11-9) gave up six hits in seven innings.

### Yankees 22, Athletics 7

In New York, the hosts became the first team in major league history to hit three grand slams in a game, and romped to victory over Oakland.

Robinson Cano, Russell Martin and Curtis Granderson all went long with bases loaded to emphatically turn around game in which the Yankees had trailed 7-1 after three innings.

Cano began the barrage with his slam in the fifth, and Martin connected in the sixth off Fautino De Los Santos (2-1) for a 10-7 lead. Granderson took his turn in eighth, launching a twoout drive.

Martin homered twice and doubled, setting career highs with five hits and six RBIs. Cano drove in five runs as the Yankees

avoided a three-game sweep.

New York came to bat a startling 17 times with the bases loaded-Derek Jeter alone got four tries. He grounded out twice, struck out and walked in those spots. Jeter did get three hits and briefly boosted his average to .300.

Boone Logan (4-2) got the

#### Royals 9, Blue Jays 6

In Toronto, Jeff Francis got a belated win, steering Kansas City past Toronto.

Francis (5-14) came in 0-3 with an 8.27 ERA in his past four outings but the native Canadian was solid in his first career start in his home country. He gave up two runs in six-plus innings.

Melky Cabrera homered and Billy Butler went 4 for 5 with two RBIs as the Royals took their first series victory at Toronto since 2002.

Blue Jays starter Brett Cecil (4-7) lost his third straight decision, allowing five runs in 6 1-3 innings.

#### Orioles 6, Twins 1

In Minneapolis, Mark Reynolds hit a three-run homer in Baltimore's win over Minnesota.

Vladimir Guerrero had two hits and Craig Tatum had a two-run double for the Orioles, who swept the Twins at home in a four-game series for the first time.

Baltimore starter Jo Jo Reyes (7-10) went six strong innings, allowing one run.

Twins reliever Anthony Swarzak (3-4) gave up five runs in 3 1-3 innings after starter Francisco Liriano left with a strained shoulder after two innings.

### Jim Thome traded back to Cleveland

**CLEVELAND** (AP)—Jim Thome has swung back to the Cleveland Indians.

The slugger accepted a trade from Minnesota on Thursday night to return to the Indians, the team he started with and one hoping its career home run leader can help them run down the first-place Detroit Tigers in the AL Central.

An unexpected season full of surprises and comeback wins for the Indians now has the most improbable return of all

As he's done on more than 600 career homers, Thome has rounded the bags and is coming

Thome spent 12 seasons with Cleveland from 1991-2002, hitting a team-record 334 homers and helping the Indians get to two World Series. He hit 52 in his final season before signing as a free agent with Philadelphia, a decision that angered many Indians fans who will have to welcome him back.

"He's excited," Indians general manager Chris Antonetti said. "He's fired up to come back and

join the team. I am hopeful and confident that fans will embrace him wearing an Indians uniform again. He's not only an exceptional player but a person as well. Even if he wasn't a person that hit 600 home runs, he's just a great person."

Earlier this month, the fivetime All-Star became the eighth player in history to hit 600 hom-

The 40-year-old Thome waived a no-trade clause in his contract to clear his return to the Indians, who have been in contention all season but have lost six of their last seven games amid a rash of injuries. Thome's arrival will soften the loss of designated hitter Travis Hafner. who is on the disabled list and may need season-ending foot

"There's no question it's a bittersweet deal," Twins GM Bill Smith said. "But there's also no question this is the right thing to do for Jim Thome.

"He is all the superlative things that we knew we were getting when he came here two

years ago. At this point in his Hall-of-Fame career, this is the right thing for him."

The Indians put a claim in for Thome on Wednesday, two days after the Twins waived him. Once the Indians were awarded Thome, the clubs had 48 hours to work out a trade. The Twins will receive a player to be named by Oct. 15.

Antonetti hopes Thome will arrive in time to be in the Indians' lineup Friday night. Antonetti doesn't expect Thome to play every game.

"We will have to manage his playing time," Antonetti said. "He's certainly not an everyday player at this point. We'll work with Jim on this. We'd like to have him out there to impact the team as often as we can. Every game for the team is meaningful. We are trying to win as many games as possible and we'll see where that takes us."

Thome's bat once helped Cleveland twice get close to its first Series title since 1948, and now the Indians hope it still has

a little magic.

'What If?" team president Mark Shapiro tweeted, using the team's 2011 motto. "Jim Thome came home."

After finishing 25 games out in 2010, the Indians weren't expected to contend this season, but have been at or near the top of their division since April. However, as August drains to its final days, the Indians have slipped back in the standings and trail the Tigers by 6 1/2 as they enter a three-game series against Kansas City.

The Twins are 16 games behind, which is why they decided to part with Thome, who has also played for the Chicago White Sox and Los Angeles Dodgers.

On his most recent visit to Cleveland, the Peoria, Ill., native said he would relish a chance to finish his career where it began. Thome's return will probably give the Indians an immediate attendance boost, and may help some of the fans who couldn't forgive him for leaving despite saying his Indians jersey would have to be torn off for him to go anywhere else.

"It's a chance for him to go

back where he started," Smith said, "a place where he should be as revered in Cleveland as he is in Philadelphia and Chicago and Minnesota.

"I'm sure it will be a special moment when he goes back on the field wearing an Indians jer-

A skinny third baseman when he came up, Thome, along with fellow All-Stars Sandy Alomar Jr., Albert Belle, Kenny Lofton, Manny Ramirez and Carlos Baerga formed the core of the Indians' teams that dominated their division in the '90s and went to the World Series in 1995 and 1997—losing both times.

Thome's big swing, a blend of quickness, power and followthrough, and his aw-shucks attitude, made him one of Cleveland's most popular players. That changed, though, following the '02 season.

As a free agent, Thome turned down a generous, long-term contract from the Indians—who even offered to build a statue in his honor—for a chance to win in Philadelphia. At the time, he felt the Phillies were closer to a title than the Indians, who were

in the early stages of a massive rebuilding project.

Thome had a memorable first season in Minnesota, leading the team with 25 homers in just 276 at-bats with the Twins in 2010. His aching back felt better than it had in years, and he was energized by the youthful energy surrounding him as he helped the Twins run away with the division crown.

Thome had several suitors as a free agent in the offseason. He ultimately decided to return to the Twins, thinking a nucleus of Joe Mauer, Justin Morneau and Michael Cuddyer would help him capture the World Series championship that has eluded him all these years. But his second season in Minnesota hasn't gone nearly as well. He has struggled with injuries to his back, toe and quadriceps that have slowed that mighty lefthanded swing of his, and Mauer and Morneau have also been out for long stretches.

Thome reached the 600homer mark with two blasts at Detroit earlier this month, one of his and the team's only highlights this season.

Now he has another.

### Frazar takes lead as focus turns to Irene



THE BARCLAYS"

Frazar is leading The Barclays. All anyone wanted to talk about was Irene.

**N.J.** (AP)—

Harrison

Whatever enthusiasm there was for start of the FedEx Cup playoffs was dampened Thursday—first by rain that halted the first round for nearly three hours, then from the gloomy forecast of Hurricane Irene. That left players and officials wonder when, how or even if they can finish the opening playoff event.

Of the early starters'who didn't finish until mid-afternoon-Frazar led an onslaught of birdies on rain-softened Plainfield Country Club, shooting a 7-under 64. One of the few times he was in trouble, he chipped in from behind the first green to turn bogey into birdie.

Vijay Singh overcame a double bogey early in his round for a 65 and was tied with Jonathan Byrd. Adam Scott was in the group at 66. Nick Watney, the No. 1 seed as the race begins for the \$10 million FedEx Cup bonus, was among those at 67.

When it was too dark to continue, 51 players did not finish the round. They were to return at 7:15 a.m. on Friday, and the tee times for the second round were expected to be pushed back by about 30 minutes.

William McGirt, the last of the 125 players who qualified for the playoffs, had to stop after making his seventh birdie in an eight-hole stretch to get to 7-under par through 11 holes. Matt Kuchar, the defending champion at The Barclays, also was at 7 under through 16 holes.

"I wanted to get done today," Frazar said. "With the way the weather is coming, I didn't want to have to sit around and play too much tomorrow or too much Saturday. It's going to be a long week by the time this thing is over."

Slugger White, the tour's vice president of competition, was hopeful that everyone from the afternoon group could at least made the turn. That would give the tournament a chance to complete 36 holes by Friday, and if the expected wind and rain holds off long enough, get through the third round Saturday.

No one was sure what to expect after that, if anything at all. White ruled out a 36-hole Saturday.

The concern is that Plainfield about 10 inches of rain over the last few weeks and probably can't take much more.

"If we get five or seven inches of rain here, we are probably dead in the water," White said.

This is supposed to be the time the 125 players who qualified can start dreaming about golf's biggest pay-

**EDISON**, off—\$10 million to the winner after four playoff events in the next five weeks. Officials again painted "PGA TOUR PLAYOFFS" into the grass of one hill, much like is scene on midfield on a football game.

It's a wonder the paint didn't wash

Then again, the Deutsche Bank Championship last year braced for remnants of Hurricane Earl to possibly wash out big chunks of the tournament outside Boston, and it never materialized.

Bad weather is not unusual in golf, and the tour has a policy to only reduce events to 54 holes if there is no way to finish on Monday. But this is not an ordinary event. Only the top 100 players in the FedEx Cup standings after The Barclays advance to the second round.

What might help is that the next event, the Deutsche Bank, doesn't start until Friday because of its traditional Labor Day finish. Only PGA Tour Commissioner Tim Finchem has the authority to allow for a Tuesday finish if it comes to that.

"I don't think anybody has any clue," Charley Hoffman said after a 66. "I'm pretty sure 100 percent of us want to play 72 holes out here, and we all know the tournament (next week) doesn't start until Friday. So I'm pretty sure the players will commit to go to Tuesday if possible. But if this place gets 10 inches of rain two weeks in a row, I don't know how playable this golf course is going to be on Tuesday."

There was so much talk about weath-



Harrison Frazar carries an umbrella in the rain as he walks on the 17th hole during the first round of The Barclays golf tournament in Edison, N.J., Thursday, Aug. 25, 2011.

er that Watney said he heard a rumor that Manhattan might be evacuated. Left unsaid was how he heard such a thing while being too preoccupied with his golf to check on any such reports.

He found it fascinating, nonetheless.

"That would be quite a sight of evacuating Manhattan," he said. "Where would they all go. That's like 12 million people."

Everyone else just kept plugging away, coping with a course that was starting to get firm and fun until they returned from a rain delay and tried to control how much the ball was spinning once it landed on the green.

The tournament was a sellout even before it began, and despite the weather, there was plenty of cheers. With the tees moved up on the 18th hole this week, making it play 285 yards up the hill, the lone eagle came from Troy Matteson, who pitched in from 35 years. Steven Bowditch hit his tee shot to within 5 feet, only to three-putt for a par.

Singh, who hit a beautiful approach into 6 feet on the tough 17th for birdie, drove to the front of the green on the 18th and chipped to 8 feet to close out his round of back-to-back birdies. That atoned for hitting into the water on the par-3 third.

Meanwhile, White said the tour won't decide how to proceed until they see the forecast on Friday.

"I really don't want to paint myself in a corner right now," he said. "There's a lot of scenarios out there."

### Couples tells Woods he's on Presidents Cup team



Wash. (AP)—Fred Couples has told Tiger Woods that he decided to add him to the 12-member Presidents Cup team.

Couples took the drama out of the debate over whether Woods would be on the team, saying Thursday it's already a done deal.

"I've told him that he's going to be on the team," Couples said just before a practice round preparing for the Boeing Classic at TPC Snoqualmie Ridge. "There is no reason for me to wait till Sept. 26 to pick Tiger. He's the best player in the world forever.'

Ten players automatically qualify for the team based on points accumulated over the past two years. Couples is then given two captain's picks to round out his squad, which will compete against a team of non-European International players at Royal Melbourne in Australia on Nov. 14-20.

Woods, who is 28th on the Presidents Cup list, had a long summer layoff because of soreness in his left knee and left Achilles' tendon. He played in two recent tournaments, finishing 37th in the Bridgestone Invitational in early August then missing the cut the following week at the PGA Championship.

Woods wrote on his website earlier this week that he had conversations with Couples about playing on the team and that "of course, I want to be on the team" that competes in Australia.

"Is he playing well right now? No. (But) he almost won (The Masters) four months ago so you don't do that by playing poor golf," Couples said. "In my opinion, when you're the best player in the world for 12 straight years and you're not on a team, there's something wrong.

"Everyone else can have their opin-

ion, but as far as I know Jay Haas and myself are the captains and we want him on this team."

Haas is Couples' assistant captain for these matches.

Couples, initially unaware the Woods had not qualified for this week's FedEx Cup, told him by text message to find another tournament to play. Woods' next scheduled appearance is not until the Australian Open, the week before the Cup, although he said he might add a PGA Tour event to his schedule.

"He has responded to that. I'm pretty sure you'll see him one more time," Couples said. "That's enough for me. I know the last thing he wants to do is embarrass himself. I think he'll be ready to play. Does that mean he's going to go out and win every point? No, I don't expect that. But I expect him to be sharp and ready to play. I would be shocked if he's not."

Couples has requested that all his team members play in the Australian Open to sharpen their games before the Presidents Cup. The Australian Open is Nov. 10-13 at The Lakes near Sydney.

One of the players on the edge of the Presidents Cup standings is Bill Haas, son of Jay Haas. He is ranked 10th with a month to go before the Sept. 26 selection date. Jim Furyk and Rickie Fowler are 11th and 12th.

"I don't know how you can criticize someone for choosing Tiger Woods. If he goes there and doesn't play well I would be shocked. I have a pairing for him. He deserves to be on the team," Couples said. "There are guys who are 11, 12, 13 who are having phenomenal years. But you know they're picks. I could take the easy way out and just pick 1 through 12. I don't think if that works either. I think that's the easy way out."

### Is NBA meeting next week enough time for progress?



**NEW YORK** (AP)—David our Labor Day weekend to make this Stern wants progress in the NBA's collective bargaining talks by Labor Day. He may get his wish.

Officials from the league and players' association will

meet again next week, people with knowledge of the plans told The Associated Press on Thursday. It will be only the second session involving leaders from both sides since the lockout started July 1.

"If Labor Day comes and goes without us huddled in ready to kiss off deal, then we may be headed to a bad place," Stern said during an ESPN. com podcast earlier this month.

Next week's session will include top negotiators for both sides: Stern and Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver, and union executive director Billy Hunter and president Derek Fisher of the Lakers.

Others may attend, but the meeting is expected to be small. Plans were for it to be held early in the week, though that could change if expected bad weather from Hurricane Irene hampers travel to New York.

After an Aug. 1 meeting, Fisher said the sides hoped to meet at least two to three times before the end of the month, preferably on consecutive days. Instead, the union mostly has been holding regional meetings to update its players. Stern is finishing a second week of vacation, though NBA officials have stressed he was available anytime the union wanted to sit down.

There hasn't been much to talk about. Stern was disappointed in the players' lack of movement in the Aug. 1 meeting, and the league filed

an unfair labor practice charge with the National Labor Relations Board and a lawsuit against the players the next day.

The union, already fed up with the owners' desires for pay cuts and a new salary cap system in a new collective bargaining agreement, had already filed its own complaint with the NLRB.

With no progress so far, many feel the NBA will lose games to a work stoppage for only the second time in its history.

Players made the last proposal on

June 30 and had hoped the owners would submit the next one. Stern has said offers only get worse after a lockout starts, but recently told the AP it would be wrong to assume owners are finished making proposals.

"We're always going to sit down and talk and discuss and probe and prod, and ask questions of each other and deal with hypotheticals, so there are many different ways to propose things. So we're not through at all," he said.

However, Lakers forward Luke Walton, who's working as an assistant coach at Memphis during the lockout, said dealmaking might not get under way until games start getting canceled.

### TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

Kris Blanks

Sergio Garcia

Scott Stallings

Rory Sabbatini

Camilo Villegas

Retief Goosen

Spencer Levin

Tommy Gainey

Steve Stricker

Marc Leishman Geoff Ogilvy

Kevin Streelman

Jhonattan Vegas

Bubba Watson

Hunter Haas Greg Chalmers Heath Slocum

Scott Verplank

Jason Dufner

Webb Simpson

Michael Bradley Steve Flesch

Vaughn Taylor

Davis Love III

Blake Adams

Jimmy Walke

Troy Matteson

Andres Rome

Nick O'Hern

Scott Piercy

David Toms

Matt Bettencourt

Cameron Tringale

Steven Bowditch

James Driscoll

Stewart Cink

Jeff Overton

Sean O'Hair

Chris Couch

Stuart Appleby Pat Perez

**LEADERBOARD** 

1. Harrison Frazar

. Matt Kuchar . William McGirt

4. Jonathan Byrd

. Charley Hoffman

4. Chris Stroud

7. Ryan Palmer 7. Adam Scott

D.A. Points

11. J.J. Henry

11. Bo Van Pelt

11. Jason Day 11. Bill Haas

11. Nick Watney

11. D.J. Trahan 11. John Rollins

11. Kris Blanks

11. Robert Allenby 11. Justin Rose

11. Kevin Chappell

11. Chad Campbell 11. Ryan Moore

4. Vijay Singh

Ben Crane Johnson Wagner

Ricky Barnes

Ryuji Imada

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Jerry Kelly

Charlie Wi

Kyle Stanley

### **MLB STANDINGS**

#### **AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division**

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Boston	80	50	.615	_
New York	78	50	.609	1
Tampa Bay	70	59	.543	9 1/2
Toronto	66	64	.508	14
Baltimore	51	77	.398	28

#### **Central Division**

Detroit	71	59	.546	_
Cleveland	63	64	.496	6 1/2
Chicago	63	65	.492	7
Minnesota	55	75	.423	16
Kansas City	54	77	.412	17 1/2

#### West Division

Iexas	74	58	.561	_
Los Angeles	71	59	.546	2
Oakland	59	71	.454	14
Seattle	56	73	.434	16 1/2

### **NATIONAL LEAGUE**

Last Division					
Philadelphia	83	45	.648	_	
Atlanta	79	53	.598	6	
Washington	62	67	.481	21 1/2	
New York	61	68	.473	22 1/2	
Florida	58	72	.446	26	

#### **Central Division**

Milwaukee	78	54	.591	_
St. Louis	68	63	.519	9 1/2
Cincinnati	64	66	.492	13
Pittsburgh	61	69	.469	16
Chicago	57	74	.435	20 1/2
Houston	43	88	.328	34 1/2

#### West Division

Arizona	72	59	.550	_	
San Francisco	69	62	.527	3	
Colorado	63	68	.481	9	
Los Angeles	60	69	.465	11	
San Diego	60	71	458	12	

#### Yesterday's Games

Atlanta 8, Chicago Cubs 3 Arizona 8, Washington 1 Cincinnati at Florida, ppd., rain St. Louis 8, Pittsburgh 4 Houston 3, San Francisco 1 N.Y. Yankees 22, Oakland 9 Baltimore 6, Minnesota 1 Detroit 2, Tampa Bay 0 Kansas City 9, Toronto 6 Boston 6, Texas 0

#### **BARCLAYS OPEN SCORES**

EDISON. New Jersey (AP) - Scores Open at the 6,964-yard, par-71 (36-36)

### PARTIAL FIRST ROUND

Harrison Frazar	31-33-64
Vijay Singh	34-31-65
Jonathan Byrd	32-33-65
Charley Hoffman	32-34-66
Ryan Palmer	32-34-66
Adam Scott	35-31-66
J.J. Henry	35-32-67
Chad Campbell	32-35-67
Ryan Moore	35-32-67
Bo Van Pelt	33-34-67
Jason Day	32-35-67
Bill Haas	34-33-67
Nick Watney	33-34-67
Kevin Chappell	33-34-67
Tim Herron	32-35-67
D.J. Trahan	31-36-67
John Rollins	34-33-67

Numa Daly in Noumea, the heart

of the Games. Eleven other cit-

ies will host competitions in the

Games and none will take place

in Mare, which is a bit far from

Noumea, but near the two other

venues-Lifou and Ouvea. Li-

foi will host the football and

volleyball competitions, while

swimming and beach volleyball

The opening ceremonies will

kick off with the traditional pa-

rade of participating nations,

including the CNMI. The Com-

monwealth has 32 delegates in

the games, but only baseball

players, golfers, beach volley-

ball bets, and NMASA president

Michael White will be present

The CNMI Baseball Team—

composed of Joshua Jones, Juan

Maratita, Eric Tenorio, Ian Rogoli-

foi, , Keoni Lizama, Mike Iguel,

Vince Cepeda, Elton Santos, Je-

sus Iguel, Tyrone Omar, Franco

Flores, Thomas Joab, Jerome De-

los Santos, Byron Kaipat, Manny

at the opening rites.

will take place in Ouvea.

**PACIFIC** 

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11. Aaron Baddeley 11. Padraig Harrington BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Sablan, and Craig Sanchez with manager Tony Rogoligoi and Saipan Major League Baseball's Rose Igitol—were the first ones to arrive in New Caledonia on Tuesday, four days before open-

ing ceremonies kick off.

Beach volleyball's Mister and Chris Nelson left last Thursday and made it to Noumea yesterday, while White left Saipan last Wednesday. Golfers Jess Wabol, Jess Taylor, Adam Hardwicke, and Tony Satur left early yesterday morning and are expected to be in New Caledonia after lunch. Trevor Ogumoro, Rachel Abrams, and Douglas Dillay will not make it to the opening, as they will only leave Saipan tomorrow.

Twenty-eight sports will be contested in the 15-day competition and the CNMI's bets in golf and baseball are hoping to make it to the medal podium, while beach volleyball and athletics are aiming for a strong showing.

"We want them to do their best, and to bring credit to themselves, their families, and the CNMI," White said.

### Hi-5 routs Kagman in Rotary caging

By WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND REPORTER



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**SCORE** 

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Hi-5 blew out Kagman, 73-35, and remains unbeaten in two games as the 20th

Annual Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League U19 season continued Wednesday at the TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai.

Kagman now holds an even win-loss record of 1-1.

Hi-5 sprung out to a healthy 18-4 lead in the opening eight minutes as front man Ariel Urbano caught fire out of the gate with 10 points.

Urbano took a seat in the second quarter, but teammates Frank Machahito and Don Hocket hooked up for 11 markers as Hi-5 amassed a 35-9 margin at the pause.

Kagman woke up after the break and managed some baskets, but Hi-5 obliged and stretched its lead to 55-23 heading into the final canto.

Hi-5 ran up the score in the end as Urbano finished with a game-high 23 points. Kagman's Frank Mettao managed 18 in the onslaught.

Hi-5 took on the CK Blazers



WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND

Hi-5's Ariel Urbano goes right at the teeth of Kagman defense in last Wednesday's U19 Rotary caging at the TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai.

(0-2) in part one of yesterday's doubleheader as Kagman closed the outing against the Sonics

(1-1). Results of the games will be released Monday.

Also on Monday, Rollers

Basketball Club's Rollers 1 and 2 squads are scheduled to clash at 5pm in Gualo Rai.

In related news, the Rotary caging U15 season kicks off at Gualo Rai today with a tripleheader that takes place from 11am to 3:30pm

U15 girls national team drew the early tip and will be paired up against RBC's Angels at 11am. Then at 12:30pm the Black Widows square off against RBC's 670 Rollers, while RBC's Micronesian Breakers take on Proa U15 at 2pm

Games will be played under eight-minute quarters with running time.

The game clock will stop only for official timeouts, personal fouls, and during the final two minutes of the fourth quarter.

For more information about the Rotary caging, contact commissioner Abner Venus at 664-2599.

**Hi-5 73** – Urbano 23, Hocket 12, F Machahito 9, Atalig 8, Tadifa 7, Machahito 4, Zhan 4, Aldan 2, Yoshida 2.

Kagman 34 - Mettao 18, Olopai 10, Teregeyo 6.

Scoring by quarters: 18-4, 35-9, 55-23, 73-34.

### **HOOPS**

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hit clutch jumpers and they played good perimeter defense. Ali'i Konflikt completely collapsed, missing shots from both inside and out, as it was a bit tentative on its offense with the Hoops defenders challenging every attempt.

Fitial's triple with the 24-second shot clock ticking away gave the Hoops their biggest lead, 76-69, 2:30 to go in the match.

Mendoza made a layup and drew a foul to keep Ali'i Konflikt's hopes alive, 71-76. He missed the bonus shot and Elmer Esdrelon got the offensive board and went for a putback but faltered, too. Ali'i Konflikt collared two more offensive rebounds, but Mendoza and Joyner also muffed their shots.

A traveling violation on Fitial returned possession to Ali'i Konflikt, but Brandon Talania also had an error when he failed to catch Jomary Tumaquip's pass. The Hoops regained the leather and Villacrusis hurriedly drove to the baseline, but fumbled against the defense of Esdrelon. Fortunately for the Hoops, the ball hit Esdrelon last before it went out.

Then, John Sablan drilled a baseline jumper to up the Hoops' lead to seven anew, 78-71, with less than a minute left on the clock. Ali'i Konflikt nailed two straight baskets off an error and missed shots from Hoops to stay alive, 75-78, 16.7 seconds to go. Ali'i Konflikt opted for twopointers in the ensuing plays, as Hoops defenders extended their defense.

The Hoops committed another miscue, but Ali'i Konflikt countered with its own error, as Esdrelon dribbled out of traffic and the ball accidentally hit the foot of a Hoops player. Fitial recovered the loose ball and drew an unsportsmanlike foul from Joyner.

Fitial muffed both charities. The Hoops still had possession with 10.6 seconds left due to the infraction, but Fitial lost it after the inbound with Joyner swiping the ball. Joyner completed the steal then went on to pull up for a desperation trey and missed. James Lee grabbed the rebound, was fouled with .9 of a second left, and missed both free throws.

Dave Sablan paced the Hoops with 21 points, while Fitial added 18. Mendoza led Ali'i Konflikt with his 13 markers. Ivan De Vero finished with 12 points, a far cry from his 27-point output against Mobil, as he and Joyner, who scored 11, struggled all night. Esdrelon also had a tough night, making only 10, none in the final canto.

The Hoops and Ali'i Konflikt were pretty even in the first

half with the latter leading by only three, 22-19, at the end of the opening quarter. Then the match was back to square one after the first half, 38-all. Ali'i Konflikt and the Hoops continued their nip-and-tuck game in the third until the former had an 11-4 windup in the last four and a half minutes of that quarter for a 63-54 lead.

Then in the fourth canto, Hoops proved it could eke out another comeback win just like what they did against Cavite/ Andok's and Cabalen.

**UPAA/Hoopaholics** 78 – D. Sablan 21, Fitial 18, Diaz 7, Villacrusis 7, Lee 6, Mendez 6, J. Sablan 4, Villagomez 4.

MAFEA/Ali'i Konflikt 75 – Mendoza 13, De Vero 12, Joyner 11, Esdrelon 10, Guiab 8, Talania 6, Tumaquip 4, Aquino 2.

Scoring by quarters: 19-22, 38-38, 63-54, 78-75.

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goal in the payoff quarter.

Joe Buniag, who had 17 after the third, was scoreless in the fourth, while Noel Delos Santos, who tallied 12 after three periods, was limited to two points.

Bruce Berline and Toto Ba-

natasa added 10 points apiece to help Moreno lift MDX to its second straight win.

MDX defeated SAFSWO/ Ebisuya despite a sluggish game in the first quarter where the latter went ahead, 21-17. Delos Santos had eight points in opening period to give SAFSWO/ Ebisuya the upper hand.

Moreno, who was cold in the

first period, started the second canto with a triple and MDX went on to grab the lead at the break, 39-33. Favor changed anew in the third, as Buniag sizzled with 10 points for SAF-SWO/Ebisuya in that quarter.

However, SAFSWO/Ebisuya could not keep its momentum, as it failed to neutralize Moreno in the final period.

MDX/Armatech 79 - Moreno 27, Banatasa 10, Berline 10, Abuy 9, Montano 5, Tobias 5, P. Crisostimo 4. A. Crisostimo 3. Malasarte 2.

SAFSWO/Ebisuya 66 -Buniag 17, Delos Santos 14, Surima 11, Mateo 6, Ebuen 5, Conti 4, Buenabajo 2, Jacob 2.

Scoring by quarters: 17-21, 39-36, 51-53, 79-66.

### TRENCH

lan Kanoa. Ogarto was arrested early yesterday morning for allegedly stealing copper wire along the Beach Road pathway. Alvarez was not available for comment on Ogarto specifically as of press time.

Both Sablan and Ogarto's bail was set at \$10,000 cash.

"My stance is simple, if you break the law, then you pay, and we are coming up with a system that will punish our fighters for their poor decisions," said Alvarez in a phone interview yesterday.

A five-year veteran with a 15-8 win-loss record, Sablan built a promising reputation early in his MMA career. He, however, has fallen off a little in recent outings, suffering four losses in his last six bouts dating from September 2009.

Alvarez also shared that Sablan's training regiment diminished during the decline.

"Well all in all, this may end up being a good thing for [Sablan]. Now he can take some time to reflect on his poor decisions and overcome them. This is obviously a low point for him, but he is still a young adult who can evolve and grow from it," said Alvarez.

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Trench Tech to

**conduct policy** 

By WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND

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In light of the recent—and

past-incidents made by

local mixed martial arts practitioners, Trench Tech

Purebred is currently in the

process of formulating a

code of conduct policy for its

Trench Tech president

Cuki Alvarez said he is personally disheartened with

the recent arrests of now suspended Trench Tech fighter Giovanni "Palaxi" Sablan

and inactive Trench Tech

"I'm deeply disappoint-

ed because I've been try-

ing, and continue to try, to

keep MMA's name clean,

but I can't baby sit every-

one, 24-7. I can only keep

reminding them to do the

right things. They live their

own lives and I can only do

fighter Primo Ogartom.

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SAIPAN TRIBUNE

### Pacific Games kicks off today

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO roselyn\_monroyo@saipantribune.com REPORTER

**28** SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2011

than ,000 athofficials from 22 nations will be on center stage today, as they participate in the opening ceremonies for the 2011 Pacific Games in Noumea, New Caledonia.



Joining delegates from Pacific nations in the opening rites of the quadrennial meet is French Presi-

dent Nicolas Sarkozy, who is also expected to talk to local political leaders after violence hit one of the islands in the territory early this month. A local newspaper in New Caledonia reported on Aug. 6 that airfare hikes triggered major clashes on



Former athletes lead the opening torch relay for the 2011 Pacific Games in New Caledonia last month.

the island of Mare, leaving four people dead and more than 20 others wounded.

Amid the unrest and clamor for more autonomy for New Caledonia from France, local

officials assured the Games will not be disturbed and security will be tight.

Today's opening ceremony will start at 5pm at the Stade

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### Hoops rally past Alı'ı

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO roselyn\_monroyo@saipantribune.com REPORTER



The UPAA/ Docomo Hoopaholics found their way out of the woods again, pulling off a 78-75 victory over MAFEA/

Ali'i Konflikt on Thursday night in the UFO Inter-Organization Basketball Friendship

climbing back from an 11-point deficit at the start of the fourth period. The Hoops nailed their third straight triumph, all were off come-from-behind fashions, and are now in solo second place behind undefeated Proa (3-0) with their 3-1 record. Ali'i Konflikt had its two-game winning streak snapped and dropped to a 2-3 slate.

Ali'i Konflikt boosted its chances to extend the winning run to three when Edmark Men-League 2011 Bud Cup at the doza started the fourth canto with

The Hoops took the win after from Elmer Esdrelon and gave MAFEA its biggest lead, 65-54.

However, after that impressive play, things started to fall apart for Ali'i Konflikt, while the Hoops successfully worked their way back into the game.

James Villacrusis scored five straight points, while Dave Sablan canned back-to-back triples to lead the Hoops' rally. Sablan's second triple put the Hoops back in the driver's seat, 67-65, with 6:25 left on the clock.

The Hoops hung in there, as Kelvin Fitial and John Sablan



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

UFO Bud Cup caging on Thursday night at the TSL Sports Complex.



so much for them."

Of Sablan, Alvarez added, "He is suspended indefinitely until we figure out what results from the incident. He has not been convicted nor sentenced at this time, but I assure you that we do not condone these types of behaviors and are developing a conduct policy for all of our fighters that will be enacted immediately upon its establishment."

Sablan was arrested for allegedly assaulting his exgirlfriend last Saturday in the parking lot at Aquarius Beach Tower Hotel in Cha-

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### Back-to-back for MDX/Armatech

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

MDX/Armatech notched its second win in as many games after beating SAFSWO/Ebisuya, 79-66, in the UFO Inter-Organization Masters Basketball Docomo Pacific Cup 2011 on Thursday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

MDX outgunned SAF-SWO/Ebisuya, in the fourth quarter, 28-13, to improve to a



join defending champion Cabalen/Wings Travel in the SAF-SWO/Ebisuya

fell to a 0-2 record.

Martin Moreno anchored MDX's fourth-quarter assault, scoring 15 of his 27 points in that period.

SAFSWO/Ebisuya was still ahead at the end of the third

2-0 record and quarter, 53-51, when Moreno took matters in his own hands to keep MDX's record clean. The spitfire shooting guard drilled eight of MDX's first 10 points and picked up where he left off, making the team's last six markers.

Moreno outscored the entire SAFSWO/Ebisuya crew in the fourth period, as the losing squad had only Noel Mateo nailing more than one field

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The Hoopaholics' Dave Sablan goes for a hang-time move against the outstretched arms of Ali'i Konflikt's Edmark Mendoza during their game in the